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## BURIED TREASURES

The Boston Gas Company photographs



# Pictures

One Saturday night this spring, my daughter went to the sophomore semiformal over at the Holiday Inn. This was Sara's first high school dance, and I hope to remember it by recalling that she applied herself to dress shopping with such fervor that she returned home in just two hours, under budget and secure in her choice, and that she dared say no to the only boy who asked, a kid from history class who, she had good reason to believe, was incapable of talking to her about anything but Metternich's role in the Quadruple Alliance. And I was touched when, minutes before she was to leave, she asked my opinion as to whether her hair looked better this way or that way, and I solemnly reviewed the choices several times and made a pronouncement. Then, because I was the only adult at home, I took the requisite pictures: two of them, just to be sure.

I don't take many pictures. So far as I can recall, I have made regular, premeditated use of a camera only three times in my life. The first time, I was a teenager and had received a gift of a box camera in whose focusing lens the image appeared upside down. Enchanted, I shot two rolls on a family visit to the zoo. I never used it again. Next, I was a young man traveling the world with a Kodak Instamatic. I may have shot three rolls over 18 months, which, I calculate, works out to about one shutter click every five days or 300 miles, whichever came first. The third spasm of enthusiasm began on May 20, 1978, the day our first child was born, and faded not long afterward.

I have nothing against pictures, per se. I know the photo-taking process can be intrusive—the chirrup of the shutter, the explosion of the flash—but so are talk and garlic. Nor do I believe, as some are said to believe, that photos steal your soul or attract Satan's special attention. In fact, I'm glad to be in any picture you care to take—lucky enough to have been gifted with that oafish masculine sensibility that allows one to always conceive of oneself in the abstract as handsome.

In truth I love photographs, love their adoration of precious detail, their beauty and their searing frankness. It's

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their melancholy limitations, however, that make me ache, that make me look away; for whether they were taken an hour before Bull Run or 60 seconds ago with a Polaroid, photographs are by their nature capable of holding up nothing but ghosts for our inspection. What we see in the picture is already gone, and we are like astronomers in some distant

galaxy, straining at our telescopes, recording the content of starlight that has been streaming toward us for a million years: boiling seas, Tyrannosaurus rex, Shakespeare bent over a half-completed sonnet, a girl full of hope in a new party dress. It's looks so real, we say. But it isn't; it's past and it can't be touched.

And that's why when it comes to my loves, I prefer memory. It, too, holds up the ghosts for our inspection: sunset over the lake, uncles in homburg hats, the guests at the wedding feast. But ghosts are not memory's only subject. The light that streams through it comes from all directions.

It rained hard the night Sara went to the sophomore semiformal. Wind-driven drops struck the windows of our living room where I sat reading on a worn sofa, my stockinged feet on a coffee table that was otherwise occupied by tilted decks of magazines, fallen towers of mail-order catalogs, electronic remotes that don't work, a glass jar of marbles, a near-empty bag of potato chips, and drinking glasses that needed washing. My youngest son's mud-caked baseball cleats lay on the carpet, as did his toy cars, a middle-aged German Shepherd, and woolish slippers (belonging to my daughter) that look like German Shepherd pups because they haven't been moved since January.

Reading, I dozed off. And when I awoke I could just barely hear an ethereal, wordless music that seemed part of an interrupted dream. Then I realized it was my son in his room up the stairs and around the corner, singing to himself. I held my breath just to hear him better. Take a picture, if you can.

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*Ben Birnbaum*

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DEPARTMENT LOGO BY ANTHONY RUSSO

## LOOK AGAIN

My cousin Marian Rule Brandt (now living in New Orleans) has in her possession some dozens of books just like the one shown with Ben Birnbaum's Prologue "Now you see me" [Winter 1998]. Our grandfather, Sidney Paterson Rule, a dour Scotsman, kept a farmer's diary for many years. He was a near contemporary of Willie M. Merrill, living from the early 1860s until 1938. Two of the diaries were of particular interest to me when I first thumbed through them. In the 1886 diary a May 2 entry reads: "Baby boy born." That was Sid and Anna McHenry Rule's firstborn and my father, Wade Hampton Rule. A diary entry for the early 1890s reads: "Bought Wade a pair of breeches, 50 cents." Costs have gone up!

My cousin mentioned that diaries were rather commonly kept by farmers in northwestern Ohio, which is a largely Protestant community. (My own religious persuasion comes by way of an urban Irish-Catholic mother.) The Rules prided themselves on being "black Protestants." I have often speculated about the practice of keeping the diaries. I wonder if they might not be a watered-down and completely secularized residue of the practice in some evangelical communities of keeping a spiritual diary to be shown to the community elders in witness of one having "received the light." Grandpa Sid's entries were, like those you describe, terse and quotidian.

PHILIP RULE, SJ  
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"Now you see me" is a wonderful short story: haunting and beautiful at the same time. The photograph of the diary Willie M. Merrill kept in 1888 reminded me of the handwritten entries contained in an 1860 family Bible that I treasure. Like Willie's, the spelling is, as you say, "crippled," but, again like Willie's, the simple and forthright entries and sentiments are, though stark, life-affirming. The lasting effect of these handwritten treasures is this: Our humanity from generation to generation is affirmed. Through all the technological advances, we realize that times may change but people's motivations do not. Thank you for reminding me of the treasure.

SHAUN D. HARRINGTON  
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I savored the Winter 1998 Prologue, as I, too, am magnetized to bookstores and seek journals and diaries of common folk. "The voyage in," your roundtable on memoir, was like a seminar class—nice choice. And the frosting was Thomas H. O'Connor's "The final act." The man still spellbinds. I remember his class the day another president was assassinated. Although our minds and emotions were elsewhere, he managed to teach with his characteristic stability, substance and sensitivity.

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## PROPERTY RIGHTS

In "The Land O'Lakes Statement" [Winter 1998], David J. O'Brien states that the religious congregations that founded Catholic universities, by decid-

ing to have predominantly lay boards of trustees, had "given away" the properties. O'Brien also states that these independent university corporations "assumed ownership of the universities." The recent sale of a hospital owned by St. Louis University demonstrates that in fact all Catholic colleges and universities must abide by the Church's canon law and that their properties were not alienated from the Church, as O'Brien seems to claim.

Archbishop Rigali of St. Louis stated emphatically that the predominantly lay composition of many Catholic universities' and colleges' boards does not in any way mean that ownership has been "given away" by the Church. In fact, neither the decision of St. Louis's president, Fr. Biondi, nor the purportedly unanimous decision of the board of trustees to sell the hospital was sufficient. They are obliged by canon law to obtain ecclesial permission and approval for the sale.

Had Fr. Biondi attempted to sell the hospital without the required permission, Archbishop Rigali and Fr. Biondi's Jesuit superiors could have challenged the transaction in civil court, which in all likelihood would have referred the matter to an ecclesial court, because it is a matter of Church law. What has happened in this case is the very clear statement of principle. Any college or university that claims to be Catholic cannot sell large properties without proper ecclesial permission. The Church is not "external" to any institution that claims to be Catholic. And, as the actions and statement of Archbishop Rigali make abundantly clear,



the local bishop is not some kind of “external agent” to any Catholic institution in his diocese.

The Vatican ruling in the St. Louis University case is a clear signal that, whatever the “Land O’Lakes era” in Catholic higher education means, it does not mean that the universities and colleges have been given away and are now owned by boards of trustees independent of the Church.

FR. MATTHEW L. LAMB  
*Boston College*

David O’Brien’s article “The Land O’Lakes Statement” lightly dismisses *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. My question is this: How much longer can the Boston College Admission Office sell a high-priced “Education in the Jesuit Tradition” to prospective students’ parents, increasingly aware that BC’s Catholic identity is giving way to the secular identity implied by its name?

The BC administration has an opportunity to lead the way in responding to *Ex Corde*. If it doesn’t, the ever-present confusion between BU and BC will have a basis in fact. Do we want to be known as “the one with the football team”?

DAVID J. BUSCH JD ’71  
*Tallahassee, Florida*

## RE-ORIENTED

Our study of the lasting relationships of gay and lesbian partners is the subject of an article [“Other voices,” Linden Lane] in the Winter issue of *BCM*. That study is part of our research on adult relationships, which has been in progress at Boston College for almost 10 years.

Unfortunately, the article does not capture the objective of the research, which is to advance the understanding of how individuals adapt in relationships that last. Instead, the article focuses on bits of data that may play to stereotypes about a group of human beings rather than promoting understanding about them.

By highlighting the involvement of gays and lesbians in psychotherapy, without any discussion of the meaning for that statistic, the article has the potential to reinforce prevailing stereotypes about sexual orientation that have been dispelled by responsible professional people for years. The couples in our study were involved in therapy primarily to enhance the quality of their relationships rather than to treat individual pathology.

We also question the article’s brief focus on the statistics about the sexual behavior of gays outside their relationships. Our concern is not with the facts as such, but with your decision to report only those data and to ignore other aspects of relationships. We are troubled by the potential of such reporting to strengthen prejudice rather than to create a balanced understanding of the data.

While we appreciate the magazine’s intent to report the results of faculty research to alumni, this article missed an opportunity to bring some light to a subject about which little is known.

DICK MACKEY, BERNIE O’BRIEN,  
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## ANOTHER BROTHER

I was delighted to read that Stanton Medical Associates has endowed a scholarship in memory of Dr. Joseph R. Stanton ’42 [“Physician assistance,” *Advancement*, Winter 1998]. Your article paid tribute to the other members of the Stanton family and their dedication to Boston College. You left one out: Joe’s brother Edward Stanton, SJ, who taught at BC for a number of years.

Fr. Ned was my theology professor in my undergraduate years. He touched many lives at BC and elsewhere. I will never forget his funeral at St. Ignatius Church, packed with students, faculty, maintenance personnel, grocery clerks and simple folks he had met jogging around the streets of Brighton. For so many of us who crossed his path, Fr. Ned was a Mr. Chips: delightfully eccentric, wonderfully adventurous in his mountain hikes, childlike in his ability to see the goodness in others and always eminently kind.

I still miss him. He was the best of many good things and people I experienced at BC.

HUGH BURNS, OP, ’75  
*Jersey City, New Jersey*

## MEDICINE MAN

“It’s alive,” the article on the teaching of astronomy at Boston College [Linden Lane, Winter 1998], is illustrated by a stained-glass depiction of a star-gazing scientist identified as “‘A Doctour of Phisik,’ from Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*.” Some of your readers may not realize that Chaucer’s doctor

(though “grounded in astronomy” like Doctor Copernicus) was not primarily a *physic-ist* but a *physic-ian* who “knew the cause of everich maladye,/ Were it of hoot, or coold, or moyste, or drye.” Unfortunately, rather than desiring to learn the workings of bodies (human or celestial), the Doctour of Physik was given to dispensing remedies made with gold. In fact, “he lovede gold in special”; I guess he did not put it all in his potions.

In the same issue, “Again,” Jack J. Crowe’s lovely memoir of C. Alexander Peloquin and the BC Chorale in the 1980s brought back fond memories of my even-earlier days at BC. The remnants of the *ratio studiorum* left time for only one elective course during my four years of study there (my children cannot fathom such archaic regimentation, but it wasn’t so bad). For that one elective, I took my tin ear to Peloquin’s introductory music-appreciation course.

I still cannot carry a tune in a bucket, but his verve and infectious delirium for music new and old are with me still. I never had the talent, as Crowe did, to make music under Peloquin’s direction, but I am forever grateful for the opportunity to listen to it in deep and still-moving ways.

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LINDEN LANE

# Of ice and men

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER



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Near win—Brendan Buckley '99, center, and Mike Mottau '00, right, after Michigan's final score.

When I was 20 and home for the summer, my father took me to lunch at a restaurant called Motel on the Mountain, in Mahwah, New Jersey, a mahogany and teak palace where business executives engaged in serious conversation over martinis and beefsteak. My dad talked to me, for perhaps the first time, about what life had been like for him, about his victories and defeats. I had not yet completed college, but that day I felt I had graduated into the company of men.



I thought of that lunch with my dad when I sat down to write about the Boston College men's ice hockey team and the national championship that got away. The Eagles lost a game that would have given BC its first national title in any sport since 1949—lost it to the University of Michigan, in heartbreaking fashion, 18 minutes into sudden-death overtime.

Most *BCM* readers are familiar with the subplot to that April 4 NCAA title game: a Boston College hockey program that had been in utter turmoil, mired in incompetence and bad karma just four years ago; the hiring of a very successful coach (and, as is now apparent, an admirable man) named Jerry York '67, to turn its fortunes around; three losing, but building, seasons; and this year a relentless run for the national championship. (The Eagles did not lose a contest from February 2 until the final game, two months later.) This was BC's first appearance in the title game since 1978—a Cinderella story were it not for the fact that the Eagles are a team of speed and talent, and so their achievements were no fluke. Boston College did not line up on the Fleet Center ice as the underdog.

Even with the weight of expectation on their backs, the BC team played a college hockey game for the ages. They did everything but win. They carried the play for most of the night, yielding the tying goal to a scrapping, scraping Michigan team with only six minutes left in regulation, then came within inches—literally inches—of winning in overtime. Not once, but three times. In the end, the Eagles were skating lead-footed. With two minutes, nine seconds left in the overtime period, a University of Michigan freshman named Josh Langfeld slapped the puck past BC's freshman goalie, Scott Clemmensen, low and just inside the right goalpost. Just like that.

For Michigan, Langfeld's goal kicked off a celebratory pandemonium at center ice. At the Boston College end of the rink, players collapsed. Mike Mottau '00, a defenseman who had assisted on BC's first goal,

wept. Jeff Farkas '00, who assisted on the second goal, and who hit the goalpost with a shot that might have won the game in overtime, threw himself facedown on the ice and just lay there. Later, when the sportswriters were let into the locker room to harvest their quotes, players were still wiping tears from their faces.

Some players sounded like victims of a car wreck, still unsure what had just happened to them. But there was also a good deal of grace, and so, of courage, in their words. They gave credit to their opponents, praised their coach, expressed pride in what they had accomplished and looked hopefully to next season. "Any of [the scoring opportunities] could have gone our way. They didn't," said 19-year-old forward Brian Gionta '01, BC's second-leading scorer this year behind team captain and scoring phenomenon Marty Reasoner '99. "Give [Michigan] credit. Michigan is a great team." And Jamie O'Leary, a senior who had clanged an overtime shot off the crossbar across the sprawled body of Michigan goalie Jeff Turco, told a *Boston Globe* reporter, "Tomorrow I'm going to have a smile on my face knowing I was part of this great club."

I once read an article by baseball writer Roger Angell in which he described a conversation he'd had one spring day in the mid-1970s with then- Pittsburgh Pirate great Willie Stargell, on the field at Three Rivers Stadium. Stargell, a feared slugger, had endured a terrible hitting slump the season before, and Angell remarked on the way Stargell maintained his self-control, dignity and sense of humor in the face of one humiliating at bat after another.

"There comes a time," Stargell replied, nodding at his young son, who was on the field with him, "when a man has to decide he is going to be a man."

*John Ombelets*

#### MONEY MATTERS

Trustees approved an operating budget of \$397 million for fiscal year 1999—including a 4.5 percent increase for tuition and room and board, a 9 percent increase in financial aid, and \$3.4 million to fund new faculty positions recommended by the University Academic Planning Council. In addition, the 1999 budget provides funds for the construction of 30 offices at the south end of Alumni Stadium, a second phase of upgrades to upper- and Newton-campus residence halls, and construction of a 70-foot-high air-supported bubble over the playing surface in Alumni Stadium to allow year-round use of the field.

#### STATE OF THE ARTS

The newly formed Boston College Arts Council held its first meeting this winter. Founded by A&S Dean J. Robert Barth, SJ, the 19-member council will support dramatic, musical, visual and literary art forms. Members include faculty from fine arts, English, music and theater; and administrators representing the McMullen Museum of Art and student performance groups.

#### SOCIAL ACTORS

Sociology professors William Gamson and Diane Vaughan have been honored for outstanding scholarship. Gamson received a Lifetime Career Achievement Award from the American Sociological Association for his contributions to the study of war and peace. The Society for Social Studies of Science awarded the 1998 Rachel Carson Prize to Vaughan for *The Challenger Launch Decision: Risky Technology, Culture and Deviance at NASA* (University of Chicago, 1996).



# The trial

## THE CAMPUS WAITS FOR ITS MISSING STUDENT CENTER

On Monday, March 30, at 10 A.M., 25 months after BC applied for a building permit for a new Middle Campus student center, 17 months after Newton's Board of Aldermen voted to deny the permit and BC filed suit against the city, and nearly five months after the trial was first set to begin, the case known as *Trustees of Boston College v. Lisle Baker et al.* finally reached room 411 in land court in the Old Suffolk County Court House, hard by Boston City Hall.

Six days had been allotted for the trial, because it was expected that six days would do it. They didn't. When time ran out, BC still had five witnesses to present and Newton had yet to mount its case. And so the trial will resume on July 20—the next available opening on Judge Karyn Scheier's calendar—with a decision possible by mid-fall and no student center until the spring of 2001, at the earliest.

On campus, word of the new delay was greeted mostly with fatalistic shrugs and grim headshakes. BC's missing student center may not be a main focus of campus attention, but it is a point of awareness, an ache, a missing tooth, an incompleteness that can't be ignored. Even students, who generally pay little attention to administrative planning, are aware. In an April *Heights* column, "Voices from the Dust-bowl," students who were asked what they would do "to get out of final exams" variously responded that they'd host a keg party for faculty, run the Boston Marathon and—said a senior and a junior—"Build a new student center ourselves." A freshman I know, after hearing the news of the latest delay, muttered, "I'll never see a student center at BC." Not true, I assured him reflexively. But who knows?

On the morning of Friday, April 3, I spent two hours in room 411 of the Old Suffolk County Court House listening to testimony from BC witness Bill Johnston, director of the Northwestern University student center and an expert on such structures.

Once a grand box, room 411 has over the years developed the sad affect of a manse that has been turned into a boarding house. The old benches creak, the woodwork is faded, the bulbs 40-watt and the windows dusty. Pipes never imagined by any architect pass in and out of ceilings and walls, which are themselves painted that shade of institutional beige that takes on a greenish cast when lit by a 40-watt bulb. Grouped close on one wall, as though huddled for comfort, are 16 framed portraits of former judges—most of them men, many bearded, one slipped down in his frame so

the mat covers him to his mustache, as if he'd been muzzled by his fellows.

Johnston followed a lineup of BC testifiers that included Chancellor J. Donald Monan, SJ; Executive Vice President Frank Campanella; Vice President for Student Affairs Kevin Duffy; A&S Dean J. Robert Barth, SJ; and architect Ed Tsoi. Collectively they testified as to BC's educational mission, its need for student activity space, its need for faculty offices and instructional space (the student center will be attached to Monan Hall, a new academic building), the becoming aptness of English Collegiate Gothic architecture, BC's planning processes generally and the decade-long planning process for this particular project. Johnston's job was to connect these dots and arrive at the general shape of the proposed building. He took the stand at about 10:10, and here are some of my notes:

**10:15:** Newton lead lawyer Arthur Kreiger, of Anderson & Kreiger, and BC lead lawyer Kenneth Felter, of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar, dispute the range of Johnston's expertise. Felter proposes a scope ranging from food service to the developmental needs of young adults. Will Newton agree to expertise in all these areas? he asks. "I doubt it," says Judge Scheier with a wry smile. She's right.

**10:35:** His expertise established through a recollection of life since graduation from Penn State in 1963, Johnston reads from "Report 2000 on the Future of Student Unions," which he authored for a national organization of student center directors. Kreiger, a broad-shouldered, bearded man, sits absolutely still, staring at his desk, like a boxer tensed for the bell.

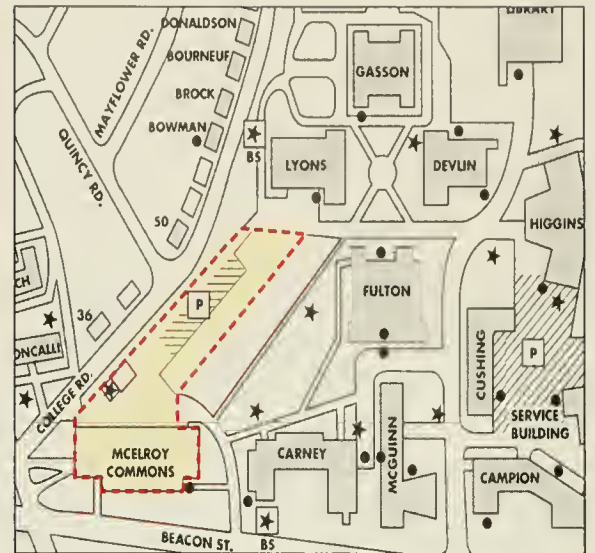
**10:37:** A young woman who has been sitting on the Newton side of the courtroom and who may be a paralegal walks up to Kreiger's desk and lays a piece of paper in front of him. As she returns to her seat, she glances defiantly across the room at BC's gang of lawyers. BC's lawyers outnumber Newton's five to two and are better dressed.

**10:45:** "Is interaction between students and faculty important for the educational process?" Felter slow-pitches Johnston. Johnston's waiting for this one. He swings from the toes. The ball heads for the moon.

**10:50:** The Newton paralegal has begun to read a brochure with a purple-and-yellow cover. One of BC's lawyers notices this activity. He calls it to the attention of one of his fellows, then makes a note on a legal pad.

**10:52:** Felter asks Johnston whether McElroy Commons is





Now and when—McElroy Commons' 1950s façade as it appears from the corner of Hammond and Beacon streets, above left, and the same view of the proposed student center in the neo-Gothic style envisioned by architects. Above, the location of the proposed Middle Campus Project.



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an adequate student center. As the ball drifts toward the plate, Kreiger objects. Judge Scheier: "I don't want to spend 45 minutes proving Mr. Johnston is an expert in McElroy Commons." It takes eight minutes, and McElroy Commons is then declared an inadequate student center.

**11:15:** A comparison of 10 student centers at "Representative Peer Institutions" is submitted as BC Exhibit 104. It is supposed to underscore Johnston's contention that BC's center will house relevant programs and facilities. Johnston is asked by Felter whether it's important that freshman dining facilities be located in a student center. Turns out it is. I watch the window cleaners riding their elevator up the glassy walls of One Beacon Street.

**11:45:** Kreiger begins his cross-exam, and it soon becomes clear that he is after proving that the planned student center

repeats—not in amazement, not in scorn, but clearly because he's not yet sure what he wants to say next. I leave for a luncheon appointment.

I am no lawyer, but I've had the BC case explained to me by those who are, and this is what I think they said.

Since the dawn of zoning in Newton, BC's Middle Campus has been in a single-family-residence area, with three-bedroom-colonial style restrictions on height (36 feet) and on building setbacks from property lines (20 feet). In December 1987, however, Newton made some changes. The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance declaring that educational institutions that found themselves in single-family-residence zones were now required to set buildings at least 150 feet from property lines and could build only within a



floor-to-area-ratio of 0.2, which means one square foot of living space for every five square feet of land. In single-family-residence terms: 2,000 square feet of colonial to every 10,000 square feet of lawn and patio.

Problem was, though, that by December 1987 there were already 14 education-related buildings in this particular single-family-residence zone—buildings whose height ranged from 40 feet (Carney) to 70 feet (Gasson), buildings that stood within 150 feet of the street (St. Mary's, Bapst, Lyons, McElroy, etc.), and buildings whose combined floor-to-area ratio was nearly 1:1. The effect, then, of the 1987 regulations was to zone BC into Nonconformance Hell, where construction is prohibited except by variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals or special permit from the Board of Aldermen.

BC did go to the Board of Aldermen for a special permit for the Middle Campus Project, which is a three-building complex comprising the two-structure student center and the Monan Hall academic building. The permit was denied on the grounds that the project constituted a nonconforming use "substantially more detrimental" to the neighborhood than the old nonconforming use, i.e., McElroy Commons and its parking lot. This takes us to BC's first, straightforward legal claim (what I've heard the University's lawyers describe as a "plain vanilla" suit), which is that the "substantially more detrimental" judgment was based on "arbitrary and capricious" reasoning, not on the facts of the case as they were presented to the board.

BC's second and more exotic legal claim has to do with a Massachusetts legal oddity called the Dover Amendment. Dover, as it's called, is named for a tony Boston suburb that in the 1950s earned the wrath of the state legislature by enacting a zoning bylaw to limit construction by educational institutions. In high-profile and righteous vengeance, the legislators rose up and decreed that religious and educational uses could not be prohibited in any zoning district in the Commonwealth (except in Boston and Cambridge, which had sufficient pluralities in the legislature to write themselves out of Dover). This first harsh position was subsequently modified to allow municipalities some "reasonable" say in regulating the physical dimensions of school and church building projects. BC's contention, which it buttresses with references to *The Bible Speaks v. Board of Appeals of Lenox* and *Sisters of the Holy Cross v. Brookline* (Dover cases tend to sound like early skirmishes in the Battle of Armageddon), is that the 1987 rezoning of BC was an exercise not in municipal planning but in wishful thinking that BC had never settled in Chestnut Hill. And by rendering the Middle Campus nonconforming and subject to special appeals for every project, Newton, BC argues, was trying to control an educational institution's growth and planning—plainly illegal under Dover.

Surprisingly, support for this contention has come from

Newton itself. In 1989, two years after the campus was rezoned, the Newton Planning Department produced a 14-page report that recommended significant zoning relief for BC's Middle Campus, while a memo from the city planner implied that the 1987 rezoning of the Middle Campus had simply been a placeholder, not intended for real use. The city, however, never acted on the report or the memo.

While no one seems to be happy about the new delay, at BC these days the official word is "quiet confidence." In Newton (which, unlike BC, is a democracy), it depends on whom you ask. Not every alderman voted against BC's permit application; in fact the majority voted to support it, but not the two-thirds majority required for special permit approval. So some aldermen speak of "quiet confidence," some have been unhappy from the start, and some wonder aloud in the newspapers whether a Newton win would in fact force BC to build out in the neighborhood (probably) and whether a BC win would obviate all the "mitigations" BC had agreed to in pre-vote negotiations (no one at BC is saying). Still other aldermen grow restive each time they need to approve publicly requests for supplementary funds to pay for the case—the cost of which now approaches \$125,000, or four starting-teacher salaries in a city that dotes on its high-end school system and that is struggling under a new state requirement to increase hours of student instruction. Piquant evidence of the political stress was the city solicitor's recent announcement that Kreiger had agreed to cap his costs and that the city would spend no more supplementary funds on the case—a move that, given another week of trial to come, seems contrary to Newton's best legal interests but important for City Hall's public relations and for peace on the Board of Aldermen.

As for settlement, it's possible, I suppose, but hard to imagine. For one thing, BC has already paid the price of legal fees and time-inflated construction costs. Why would it pull back from judgment now? For another, not much has come of hundreds of hours of arbitration and formal and informal settlement talks that have already taken place over the last three years. Illustrative of the deadlock is a campus story now making the rounds which says that at one point in a negotiation session a member of the Newton team suggested that BC would receive a building permit if it reduced the middle one of the three planned structures (the main student center) from three stories in height to one story with a flat roof. When a BC representative asked how the University would integrate a single-story flat-roofed building into its neighboring Gothic structures, the Newton representative reportedly said that BC could place a Gothic tile roof atop the one-story.

And so we wait.

Ben Birnbaum



# THE WOMEN'S ROOM

25 years later

When women first enrolled in A&S, they lacked the basics: rest rooms in academic buildings, dorm rooms on campus, and that critical space Virginia Woolf called “a room of one’s own.” Women students operated out of a rest room in McElroy Commons, said Connie Dottie, who was in the first official entering class, in 1970.

Speaking at a March 27 panel celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), Dottie recalled approaching then-President J. Donald Monan, SJ, about the space problem. “We didn’t tell him we were in the women’s room,” she said. “We just gave him a room number. He came. Soon, we were informed a place had been found for us.”

The WRC opened on International Women’s Day, March 8, 1973, and since then it has helped establish the Women’s Studies Program and the UGBC women’s issues committee. The WRC has created peer support groups and hosted forums on subjects as wide-ranging as cosmetics, careers, eating disorders, sexual violence, sports and spirituality.

All the while, the center’s inviting couches and book-lined walls have served as a cherished retreat. “For me it’s been a place of solace,” said Elisabeth Arruda ’98. “It’s a special place dedicated to women, a refuge from the crowds of college life.”

At the celebration, which featured poetry reading, music and discussion, speakers de-

scribed the progress women have made. But they also spoke of inadequate child care, multiple glass ceilings, sexual harassment and unrealistic expectations in an age of consumerism. “How much success is enough?” asked English Professor Judith Wilt. “At what point do we realize we are not reaching our own goals, motivated by our values, but instead are just conforming to a different set of demands, those of a particular workplace culture?”

Students, too, discussed pressure to conform. “If you don’t look a certain way, if you don’t act a certain way, you can forget a social life,” said one undergraduate. “Plan on spending a lot of time alone.”

*Suzanne Keating*

SHEPLEY BULFINCH RICHARDSON AND ABBOTT



**LAB REPORT**—An architect’s drawing of renovations to Higgins Hall shows the Gothic-style wing that will face Middle Campus, nearly doubling the size of the 32-year-old biology and physics building. The renovations will provide separate laboratories for teaching and research and spaces specifically designed to accommodate undergraduate research. Construction of the \$80-million project began May 11 and is expected to be completed in 2001.



# After math

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A NATION FLUNKS

"World crushes U.S. kids in math, science," boomed the front page of *The Boston Herald*.

"U.S. 12th Graders Rank Poorly in Math and Science, Study Says," declared *The New York Times*.

"They may have beaten us on the ice, but we cleaned their clocks in the classroom," began the gleeful first paragraph of a story in the *Ottawa Citizen*.

So the headlines ran on February 25, after BC faculty released the latest batch of scores in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), a global project that tested more than half a million students in a battery of exams.

For U.S. high school seniors, the results were grim. One part of the study, which compared their performances with that of counterparts in 21 nations, found the U.S. students at the bottom of the heap, outperforming their peers in only Lithuania, Cyprus and South Africa. The study found stronger student performances in such struggling countries as Slovenia, Hungary and the Russian Federation.

And in two other aspects of the study, which tested students enrolled in advanced math and physics classes, America's highest achievers fared even worse. In math they ranked 15 out of 16; in physics they finished dead last.

The first wave of reaction to the news was swift and thunderous.

President Clinton described the results as inexcusable and called for a reexamination of the country's approach to teaching math and science. Education Secretary Richard W. Riley called for more demanding standards and more rigorous courses in U.S. high schools, saying that too many math and science teachers lack expertise and that too few students take challenging, upper-level math and science

classes. And John R. Silber, the Massachusetts Board of Education chairman, said TIMSS was further evidence that schools are on the skids. "The education system in America is certainly a disaster area," he told *The Boston Herald*. "Students in the United States are encouraged to be as lazy as possible."

Around dinner tables and in faculty lounges, talk turned to the study and what it means for parents, educators and the U.S. economy. News shows scheduled interviewers to dissect the U.S. failure. Ed-

itorial writers cranked out columns. The study so troubled the national psyche that the explosion of TIMSS-based commentary was lampooned in a *New Yorker* cartoon—a sure sign that the research project started six years ago at BC's School of Education has saturated public discourse.

Then came the spin. Pundits asked why, if Americans are so dumb, has U.S. technology dominated the world? Some educators defended America's performance. A few policy makers proposed national testing schemes. And commentators were demanding—and arguing about—solutions.

Back at BC, the TIMSS crew bristled at the inevitable criticism, such as silver-lining analyses that claimed poor math and science performance to be a sign that U.S. students are free-thinking and creative. "What we tested for, I think we can all agree, are basic things any educated person should know or be able to do," says Ina V. S. Mullis, the study's author. "If you don't know what global warming is, or if you can't read a bar graph, how are you going to understand the world around you enough to contribute to it?"

As the debate intensified, the TIMSS team also held its own conferences and press briefings to defend the study, explain its methods and drive home its message. "Heads in the





Sand,” was the title of an April TIMSS conference held at the Brookings Institute, which attacked “damaging complacency.”

“Do we as a culture value higher levels of education?” Mullis asks. “From some of what I am hearing I think the answer is no. People are saying things like ‘Why worry, the economy is healthy’ and ‘Low scores are no disgrace.’”

Some criticism focused on the study’s methodology. Critics griped that varying participation results among countries skewed the results. They complained that the exams testing students in their final year of secondary school compared students as young as 16 (the Russian Federation) with students as old as 21 (Iceland). Detractors also questioned the fairness of a study that compared the physics scores of students in countries that mandate three years of physics with the scores of students in U.S. high schools, which have no physics requirements.

For study director Albert E. Beaton, looking at the differences is precisely the point. “We chose to study the performance of students at the end of secondary school knowing full well that school systems varied in their numbers of grades, their curricula, their teaching methods and a host of other ways,” he says. “The differences in performance should lead to questioning of what we want from our school system.”

How much of the criticism is wounded national pride? Beaton chuckles as he points out that the high-scoring Norwegians loved the study. “They were convinced the process was quite fair,” he says. “They were happy.”

Funded largely by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation and operating out of a small warren of offices in Campion Hall, TIMSS staff coordinated testing in more than 40 countries. Exams, which were administered to students in 1994–96, were conducted in 30 languages. Graders evaluated millions of open-ended responses. In addition, TIMSS staff videotaped sample class sessions, questioned teachers about classroom practices and resources, and surveyed students and parents on a variety of topics, including expectations, after-school activities and, of course, attitudes toward math and science.

The first set of results, released in November 1996, documented the performance of students in the seventh and eighth grades. At this age, U.S. students fared about average in mathematics—behind Singapore, Bulgaria and Ireland, but ahead of Romania, South Africa and Iran. In science, U.S. students performed slightly better.

Seven months later, and to much fanfare, the second batch of results was released. In a Rose Garden press conference, President Clinton announced the good news: Only South Korea topped U.S. fourth graders in science, and U.S. third- and fourth-grade students scored above av-

erage in math. Overall, the news appeared promising for U.S. education.

In light of this winter’s dismal high school results, such self-congratulation now seems fatuous. Taken as a whole, the results from the three portions of the study seem to suggest an alarming plummet from a top position in elementary school to last place at the end of high school.

In response, Beaton, Mullis and colleague Michael Martin are now designing TIMSS-R. Children who were previously tested as third and fourth graders will be retested as they navigate middle school.

The testing, which will begin next year, aims to answer a question the original TIMSS study has made unsettlingly obvious: Do U.S. students actually lose ground as they advance through the education system?

*Suzanne Keating*

## HUMANE RESOURCES

### Cubans and the Pope

“... What will be the legacy of the Cuban sacrifice when it is finally ended? Will it be the human freedom, dignity and security called for by John Paul II and richly deserved by the Cuban people? Or another blood-stained civil war, another commandante, another doomed revolution of one kind or another?

In Cuba I saw people who identified with the Pope simply because they saw him as someone who understood their own hardships, who struggled with terrible frailties but whose heart and will nonetheless remained hopeful and loving.

Clearly, hearts that

know hope and love are more likely to rebuild in hope and love than are hearts that have been turned to stone by suffering. Clearly, men and women who feel the caring of their neighbors are more likely to care in turn for their neighbors and for each other. Clearly, it is time to rethink the wisdom of sealing the Cuban people away from the resources—spiritual, material and inspirational—that they need most.”

*William P. Leaby, SJ*

*From a “Boston Herald” editorial President Leaby wrote after traveling to Cuba for the Pope’s visit in January.*



# REALITY BITE

A lesson in love and death

## CLASSNOTES

CLASS:

Theology 298: Law, Medicine & Ethics

INSTRUCTOR:

Professor John Paris, SJ

READINGS (selected):

Mill, *On Liberty*; Dostoyevsky, "The Grand Inquisitor";  
Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*; Nozick, *Anarchy, State and Utopia*; Solzhenitsyn, *Cancer Ward*; *Griswold v. Connecticut*;  
the Vatican's 1980 "Declaration on Euthanasia";  
readings from *The New England Journal of Medicine*  
as well as various position papers.

On an unseasonably warm evening in late March, the dry brown grass on the Dustbowl is littered with notebooks. Next to a couple of open guitar cases, undergraduates sprawl, in T-shirts and shorts. The air vibrates with laughter and guitar music.

Across Beacon Street, a group of students enters Roberts House, a Jesuit residence, where the theology class "Law, Medicine & Ethics" is meeting. They file past Jesuits lingering over coffee, then tromp downstairs to a rec area in the basement. Backpacks swing as the students arrange themselves before a big-screen TV, bickering amicably over the few reclining chairs. In addition to undergraduates, the group for this evening includes law students from a companion course, "Law, Medicine & Public Policy."

During the semester, both

classes have touched on bioethical controversies ranging from workplace drug-testing to test-tube babies. Tonight's topic is the right to die. Students have read the case of Paul Brophy, a Massachusetts firefighter who spent two years in a coma before the courts permitted his wife, Patricia, to have doctors remove his feeding tube. Students have written about the case, too. In a few minutes they will meet Pat Brophy; she and her lawyer, Frank Reardon, are the evening's guest speakers.

As the professor, John Paris, SJ, begins his opening remarks, the springlike mood evaporates. A nationally respected medical-ethics consultant and BC's Michael P. Walsh Professor, Paris teasingly points a finger and recaps a student's stance: The existence of technology does not compel us to use it—especially in an age of

rising medical costs. Paris points to another student: We must fight for a patient's life no matter what the circumstances. And another: Death with dignity is a humane alternative to a lifeless existence. Students shift in their seats, cross and recross their legs. One red-haired man looks down when addressed, as if confronted with the weight of his opinions. "How can we make decisions for the incompetent patient?" Paris demands, pacing. "Are courts the only place to go? Families are too emotional, right? Are hospitals too detached?"

When Paris introduces Pat Brophy, she smiles shyly; she's been watching from a straight-backed chair next to the television. Frank Reardon nods from across the room.

A petite white-haired woman with a hesitant look in her eyes, Brophy reads in a strained tone from a published essay she wrote about her experience. She interrupts herself once to show a taped episode of ABC's *20/20*, which featured her family's story.

In 1983 Paul Brophy suffered a brain aneurysm following a particularly harrowing fire. After surgery, he fell into a vegetative state. A registered nurse, Pat Brophy had agreed to all lifesaving medical procedures suggested by New England Sinai Hospital, where her husband was being treated—including the insertion of a feeding tube into his stomach. But two years passed without change, and after conferring





with family members and ethicists (including John Paris) Brophy asked the doctors to remove the feeding tube and allow her husband to die. The hospital refused, admitting that Paul Brophy had an irreversible illness but arguing that he was not terminally ill. What followed was a precedent-setting court case, a media spectacle like the Karen Ann Quinlan decision.

The courts insisted on the standard of "substituted judgment," Reardon explains to the class. That is, the law required the family to show that Paul Brophy would have wanted his feeding tube removed. In the end, the case was decided in favor of Pat Brophy on appeal to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1986. Paul Brophy died that year, eight days after

his feeding tube was removed.

"Did you ever think of taking the matter into your own hands?" a student asks Brophy. "Couldn't you have brought about your husband's death without help from the doctors?"

"No, I focused on what I could do legally. I just cried a lot."

"How important was your Catholic faith during all this?" The question comes from a woman.

"Very," Brophy says, almost in a whisper. "I was fortunate."

As the class comes to a close, Reardon argues that if, through societal debate, Americans determine that euthanasia should be allowed, then we must plan for it—with appropriate due process and safeguards against recklessness.

"We never ducked," he says, his eyes on Pat Brophy's face.

"We never claimed that Paul was terminally ill." Then Reardon looks out at the students before him. "The pursuit of life at all costs is not good."

As they prepare to leave, students zip up their backpacks and thank Pat Brophy.

A few weeks later, Chris Boscia '98, who went into class believing Mrs. Brophy had acted irresponsibly, reflects on the evening. He calls the experience a lesson in humility: "I had a two-dimensional view; now I have a three-dimensional view. It's hard to see the consequences of a decision from a legal brief," he says.

Paris appreciates the difficulty his students have with his course. "Bioethics," he says, "is not about theory. It's about practice."

*Katherine Wolff*

## CATCHING UP

Associate professors Martha Bronson and Penny Hauser-Cram—both researchers in the School of Education—have received a \$500,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study adults who as children took part in the pioneering Brookline, Massachusetts, Early Education Project. The community project was launched in 1972 to provide services such as play groups and bilingual education to children from infancy through kindergarten. Bronson said she and her associates plan to assess the program's effect on participants' lives.



GARY GILBERT

## KING FOR A YEAR

SOE student leader Allison Harriott '99, center, received this year's Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship at ceremonies in February. With her are President Leahy, left, and guest speaker Joseph A. Brown, SJ, director of the Black Studies Program at Illinois University. The award is given annually to a junior of African descent whose achievements are in keeping with the spirit of the slain civil-rights leader. In addition to serving as a resident assistant at BC, Harriott has tutored area schoolchildren through the Kids on Campus program. She is a peer counselor, an instructor in HIV and AIDS prevention, and a state representative for her hometown chapter of the Red Cross.

# THE RATING GAME

## BC Law School, SOE and SON score high in *U.S. News*

The Law School, the School of Education and the School of Nursing are among the nation's top 25 graduate schools in their respective fields, according to the 1998 *U.S. News & World Report* survey. The Law School maintained its number-22 rank this year, while SON's graduate program moved from 27th to 24th place and SOE's graduate division rose from 28th to 25th.

The Law School scored 84 on a scale of 100 in the 1998 rankings, which are based on surveys of academics and law professionals and measure reputation, selectivity, placement

and faculty resources. Yale University retained its first-place ranking, and Harvard and Stanford universities tied for second.

SOE scored 82 on a scale of 100 in evaluations by education-school deans and school superintendents. Columbia University Teachers College and the University of California-Berkeley tied for first place with scores of 100.

In the survey of graduate-nursing programs, nursing deans, administrators and faculty were asked to use a five-point scale to rate schools

based on scholarship, curriculum and quality of faculty and graduate students. SON's graduate program compiled an average reputation score of 3.6, which puts it on par with Catholic University of America, Georgetown, New York, Wayne State and Vanderbilt universities, and the universities of Virginia and Alabama-Birmingham. The University of Washington ranked first in the nursing survey, with a score of 4.7.

Additional information is available on the *U.S. News* Web site, at [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).



# A *Titanic* event

BC GOES HOLLYWOOD



LEE PELLEGRINI

Chat room—The 25th anniversary of the Middlesmarch Ball.

Above the din of Irish music, Bob O'Riley '98, weighs his words with a dignity befitting his top hat and tails and the half glasses perched on his nose. Having witnessed three Middlesmarch balls, he speaks with the gravitas of a village elder. "The exclusivity," he remarks solemnly, "makes the event."

The theme of tonight's ball is the *Titanic*, and it marks the silver anniversary of a tradition of costume balls held in BC's O'Connell House, a Welsh-Tudor mansion built in the same decade as the fated ocean liner. The building's ornate rooms and double staircase bore an uncanny likeness to the set of the Oscar-winning movie, even before 50 student volunteers spent two weeks re-creating the movie's grandeur.

But the real source of the ball's cachet, O'Riley explains, is the scarcity of tickets. To compete for the ball's 175 tickets, between 800 and 1,000 students turned out at Conte Forum at 8 A.M. on a cold day this February. There, they watched a video for clues to five locations at which tickets were being sold; some students carried cellular phones to relay clues to friends stationed around campus so they could then race to the nearest ticket-sales spot. Dictated by fire laws and O'Connell House's size, the limited number of tickets is part of the Middlesmarch mystique, annually spawning scandals worthy of a scramble for lifeboats.

This year tickets were marked "First Class," "Second Class" and "Crew," inviting their bearers to dress as they would aboard that ultimate bastion of exclusivity, the *Titanic*. O'Riley is standing in steerage, a basement room given over, as in the film,



to Irish music and drinking. While guests feast upstairs, here the fare runs to pretzels and chips. But in real life as in art, steerage is the place to be: The bar serves Guinness, Bass Ale and wine, if only to those 21 or older. So the steerage crowd is a democratic melange—the men in tails and white gloves, tweed knickers and caps, or undershirts and sooty faces; the women in long, beaded dresses and enormous feathered hats, or plain blouses and shawls. Asked if she made her costume, a woman in a tangerine evening gown and a gauzy hat with tiny tangerine-and-white checked bows laughs and says she rented it from Fantasy Costumes, in Stoneham, Massachusetts; all night she has been bumping into people with the brim of her hat, which protrudes a good foot from her head.

Tonight's ball is parody at a third remove, *Titanic's* High Edwardian excess interpreted by Hollywood and Hollywood then rendered in Collegiate Yearbook Mode. Something about this disaster inspires obsession: the hundreds of salvage seekers who have scoured the North Atlantic to find the ship's remains, the scores of books on the market, the societies on both sides of the Atlantic dedicated to understanding the shipwreck, James Cameron's drawn-out and exorbitant production, which tonight's homemade decorations reproduce with a literalness slyly redeemed by irony. Desserts are in the Cargo Room, which has portholes filled with live goldfish and seemingly dead lobster. A Model T with working headlights sits amid piles of fake luggage stenciled "Property of J. J. Astor." In the car's backseat, the silhouette of a mechanical hand can be seen, writhing in apparent ecstasy.

Ghosts are close but not too close. O'Connell House is rumored to be haunted, and tonight a room on the second floor has been set up as a memorial to *Titanic's* 1,200 drowned passengers. A *People* magazine spread juxtaposing photos of the historical passengers with those of the film actors is displayed in a glass case, and a videotape on the disaster runs continuously all night. But one must detour from the festivities to spend time in this room, filled with sober truths these young revelers bear as awkwardly as their unaccustomed apparel.

A sense of history is part of the Middlemarch tradition; for tonight's anniversary, past residents of O'Connell House have been solicited for their memories of the ball. The current organizers, flush with the earnestness of youth, must have blanched to read the reminiscences of one '83 alumna: "I am a little bit alarmed to tell you that I cannot remember

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what the theme was for our Middlemarch! . . . I'd better check my yearbook, except it's packed up somewhere. My brain has become eroded from practicing law and now being a mother of sons ages 4, 2 and 10 months."

In O'Connell House tonight, the as-yet unborn are as remote as the dead. Down in the basement, Dave O'Hanlon '98, is going to step dance;

ranked in the top five worldwide, he is the only man in the room wearing a kilt. The crowd chants, "Dave O, Dave O, Dave O," as his feet create thunder on the raised platform. The dancer's face is vivid with joy and concentration. Fresh faces ring him round, a camera flashes; a warm, yeasty air bathes us all.

The evening draws on, its end as inevitable as the iceberg. The roll-down window of the bar has closed at 11:30, but Dave O dances on, shirttails flapping, tie loosened. As the steerage crowd pushes its way upstairs, the young woman in the tangerine gown squeezes by, her sash dragging, now wet with beer. The throng spills into the Sinking Room, where the floor, ceiling and walls tilt ominously. "We have hit an iceberg," announces a voice over the public-address system. "Please make your way to the upper decks." Students surge into the Great Hall, and ice-blue balloons drop from the overhanging balcony while Celine Dion sings "My Heart Will Go On." Some couples slow-dance; others struggle convincingly to ascend the staircase.

A girl in a blue dress is projecting herself out over the balcony railing above the dance floor, self-consciously vamping the publicity shot for the movie, Kate Winslet with arms outstretched on the prow of the doomed ship. "Don't look down," said the Leonardo DiCaprio character in the movie, "just look forward." Without such blessed myopia, none of us would set foot on the gangplank.

By midnight, jigs and chamber music have given way to rap and rock, and Dave O is on the balcony, drinking soda and doing a funky dance, flanked by two sailor girls in tank tops. The disc jockey announces that *Rolling Stone* magazine has named Middlemarch one of the nation's top 10 college parties, and he calls everyone to the staircase to pose for a photo to prove it. The crowd scrambles to comply; "Say 'SEX,'" he yells, and a flash goes off.

Then, in a different voice: "Could everyone please leave the stairs now; we've just been informed that the stairs cannot bear that much weight." Tragedy averted, the crowd shuffles amiably to the dance floor, and the night goes on.

*Clare Dunsford*



## GOOD CHEMISTRY

Chemistry faculty members have won an unprecedented number of awards this academic year. Professor Amir Hoveyda won a Cope Scholar Award from the American Chemical Society; Assistant Professor Marc Snapper won a \$35,000 Sloan Research Fellowship, an Eli Lilly Award and a DuPont Young Investigator Award; and Assistant Professor John Fourkas also won a Sloan Fellowship. The trio's most recent honors are especially notable because none of the three applied for the awards; each was sought out by companies, or selected from nominations submitted by the department or by peers.

## DEATHS

- ❖ John R. Moore, administrator and faculty member in the Graduate School of Social Work since 1990, on February 1, 1998, at age 50.
- ❖ Robert Nielsen, a groundsman since 1966, on January 3, 1998, at age 61.
- ❖ Alvin A. Meier, a gate attendant with the BC Police Department since 1988, on February 21, 1998, at age 71.
- ❖ Francis X. Curran '48, a member of the Campus School staff since 1993 and a part-time faculty member at the School of Education from 1985 to 1994, on February 20, 1998, at age 74.
- ❖ James W. Ring, SJ, '35, a member of the departments of physics and mathematics from 1946 to 1956 and a researcher and administrator at BC's Weston Observatory from 1976 to 1994, on February 19, 1998, at age 86.
- ❖ Joseph A. Devenny, the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences from 1960 to 1965, on November 9, 1997, at age 89.

# STRANGE INTERLUDE

## Former coach charges, then settles

On May 15, three days after his lawsuit against Boston College for breach of contract and slander became public knowledge, former head basketball coach Jim O'Brien '71, withdrew his claims, including a charge that BC was guilty of racial bias in its undergraduate admissions.

In the lawsuit, O'Brien claimed that BC owed him additional monies beyond what it had offered him when he resigned in April 1997 to become head coach at Ohio State, and said that BC had slandered him by telling a reporter he was fired for disloyalty. O'Brien also alleged that BC had allowed Undergraduate Admission Director John Mahoney, Jr., to "conduct reviews of applicants with an apparent bias against African Americans."

In the resolution O'Brien

accepted BC's original settlement offer, dropped the slander charge and said he had never meant to question Mahoney's character or integrity or to suggest that BC was a racist institution. "I know that Boston College and John Mahoney are not racists, nor does the complaint allege that," said O'Brien. In the same joint statement, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, said that BC had not fired O'Brien.

The lawsuit, filed by O'Brien's attorney John Bonistalli '71, was first reported in the *Boston Globe* on May 12; the next day, Leahy held a news conference. "Boston College is not a racist institution, and it has long been committed to treating people with respect and sensitivity," Leahy said angrily. "Nor does it tolerate acts

of bias and discrimination by its students, faculty, administrators and staff or anyone associated with Boston College."

Among the African-American alumni who rose to Mahoney's defense was Philip Hazard '78, a marketing executive with IBM in Atlanta, who told the *Boston Herald*, "The idea of [John Mahoney] being a racist is preposterous. He's a wonderful, wonderful person. John Mahoney speaks volumes by what he has done."

BC's AHANA enrollment has risen from 14 percent when Mahoney assumed direction of undergraduate admissions in 1980, to 18 percent today. During the same time period, the number of African-American applicants has grown by 74 percent, with 742 blacks applying to the class of 2002.

# TOP GUN

## Kathleen O'Toole '76, will run the Alumni Association

Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety Kathleen M. O'Toole '76, has been named executive director of Boston College's 120,000-member Alumni Association. O'Toole succeeds John Wissler '57, who will retire this summer after 31 years in the position.

After graduating from BC, O'Toole joined the Boston Police Department, simultaneously earning a degree from the New England School of Law.



Kathleen O'Toole '76

In 1986 she was named Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department. She was a Lieutenant Colonel in the State Police and the commanding officer of the State Police Division of Operations.

In 1994 then-Governor William F. Weld appointed O'Toole Secretary of Public Safety, a role in which she has managed 10,000 state employees and a budget of more than \$1 billion.



# ALUMNAE RELATIONS

## What women want

When the Task Force on Women and Boston College formed three years ago, it was charged with confronting a problem confounding universities across the country: the disparity between male and female graduates' involvement in the life of their alma maters.

For task force co-chairs Mary J. Steele Guilfoile '76, and Susan McManama Gianinno '70, both BC trustees, the group's mission was vital. As the demographics of higher education shift—53 percent of BC undergraduates are women and soon more than half of all alumni will be women—so too must the ways universities engage those women graduates.

Through focus groups and an extensive telephone survey, the task force studied women's relationships to the University as well as their attitudes about charitable giving. What they discovered was surprising. "We thought some women would express a sense of alienation. We found that women by and large felt great affinity for BC," says Gianinno, executive vice president of the advertising firm D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles, in New York City. "But we also found that we have not been reaching out effectively, that the strong sense of continuing connection wasn't there for women."

The group learned that women—and younger alumni of both genders—are inclined to contribute money and time to issues and institutions with



Task force co-chairs Susan Gianinno '70, and Mary Guilfoile '76, at an April breakfast for Boston-area alumnae.

which they are involved. They want results, meaning they want to know what is being accomplished with the money they give. Women surveyed expressed a particular interest in establishing contacts with current students. "They want a chance to influence students' lives," says Gianinno.

Armed with this information, the task force has developed several initiatives to get women more involved in University life: a mentoring program for undergraduates and alumnae, a breakfast series on the topic of women and philanthropy, and a traveling seminar series that will showcase the accomplishments of alumnae.

In 1999, the task force will launch Boston College Connections, a pilot mentoring

program that will link successful professional women with female undergraduates. Some 25 students in their junior year will be matched with alumnae in fields that range from financial services to health care to law. Task force leaders say that the mentorships, which are designed to continue through the students' first year after graduation, are a way to involve women graduates who are clamoring for direct contact with the University. At the same time, the program aims to provide young women with alumnae role models.

In addition to planning the mentoring program, the group has been holding a series of breakfast meetings for alumnae in Boston and New York City to discuss philanthropy. The

goal is to get women talking about money—and giving it away. "Much of what we see has to do with how comfortable women feel with their money," says Guilfoile, a partner with The Beacon Group, an investment firm in New York City. "What we must realize now is that women are making intelligent financial decisions, and that they have the resources to make a difference."

The task force is also planning a traveling seminar series to "bring BC on the road." Because initial research showed that alumnae are more likely to attend regional events that are centered on cultural, intellectual and career-related activities, these seminars will highlight the achievements of alumnae who have distinguished themselves in areas such as investment banking, health care and the arts.

The task force's primary goal is to integrate women more fully into the fabric of University and alumni life; it is not, organizers are quick to point out, to create a separate set of programs for alumnae. Ultimately, the group aims to render itself obsolete, says Vice President for University Relations Mary Lou DeLong. "If the task force is successful, more women will be participating in the BC community. Our challenge is to convey that all gifts—large and small—and participation at all levels can make a difference."



# CROSS



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*PLURALIST DEMOCRACY POSES THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO CATHOLICISM  
SINCE GALILEAN PHYSICS, AND AMERICA IS THE TEST CASE*



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# PURPOSES

If the Vatican were to hire me as a management consultant, the first question I would ask is whether there is consistency of rhetoric throughout the organization. The Roman Catholic Church is at heart a service organization, and a service organization's primary contact with its customers is through its first-line staff. If those staff are not reflecting the objectives and philosophy of top management, or if those objectives and philosophy aren't clear, I would expect to find a good deal of organizational pathology. Were I to construct an index of issues on which lay parish staff, parish priests, bishops (in private and in public), professional theologians and the Vatican are talking at

rhetorical cross-purposes, I suspect the results would be alarming.

The importance of rhetorical consistency goes well beyond such obvious hot-button issues as whether the Pope and the parish priest are saying the same thing about birth control. The messages that the Church gives to the faithful are conveyed not only by what Church representatives say, but also by what they do and how they act. The liturgy itself is a form of rhetoric, and in a quiet way can make a powerful statement about some key issues with which the Church is struggling to come to grips. The same is true about the management style of a parish. It says volumes about the roles of priests and laypeople, and, by implication, about the nature of authority and the space for dissent.

In my book *American Catholic*, I concluded that the Church's greatest challenge for the foreseeable future, and not just in the United States, will be coming to terms with the phenomenon of pluralist democracy. On a scale of difficulty, I suspect this ranks with the challenge of coming to terms with Galilean science more than 300 years ago. To illuminate this contradiction, in *American Catholic* I contrasted two parishes that represent

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two very specific points of view about the future of the Church—one in Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz's very conservative diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, and the other in Bishop Kenneth Untener's very liberal diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

**Broadly speaking**, of course, the liturgies and practices in the two parishes are the same—the language of the Mass, the rituals of the sacraments, the involvement of lay parish councils. But if the substance of parish life is the same, the accidents are quite different.

The atmosphere at the parish in Lincoln was very traditional, almost pre-Vatican II. The priest was clearly in the driver's seat—he spoke of himself as the *father* of his flock. Liturgical touches such as the use of bells and a deep genuflection at the consecration emphasized the sacred and mysterious aspects of the Mass. The sacral elements of the liturgy were further underscored by the emphasis on the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In current church jargon, it is a *vertical* parish.

The diocese also has a successful record in recruiting new, young priests, which I suspect is a direct consequence of the exalted status of the priesthood in Lincoln. The priests I met were an impressive group of young men who didn't fit the rather nasty liberal stereotype that only "unhealthy" men would sign up for a celibate priesthood. As a consequence, key jobs throughout the diocese are staffed by priests, which helps ensure a much more unified doctrinal position.

This clerical pattern of staffing at Lincoln is in sharp contrast to most other dioceses I have visited, where most key positions are filled by laypeople. About two-thirds or three-quarters of diocesan family-life directors nationally, for example, are laypeople or nuns, many with theological degrees from lay universities, such as Creighton or Mar-

quette. Family-life offices are responsible for implementing diocesan policy on controversial issues such as marital and sexual ethics, and my impression is that lay family-life directors are considerably more permissive on such questions than the official Church is, or their bishops are in public. I'm not making a value judgment here, but simply pointing out that this tends to breed rhetorical confusion and organizational pathology, which Lincoln has managed to avoid in the same way that the 1950s Church did.

The flip side of the coin, of course, is Bishop Bruskewitz's heavy-handed banning of liberal Catholic organizations such as Call to Action, which is also very much in the spirit of the 1950s Church. Rhetorical consistency there is, but it leaves no room for any accommodation to other points of view. For the time being, this seems to work reasonably well in Lincoln—a fairly affluent and well-educated city. Lincoln, however, is in a conservative part of the country. For example, even though Lincoln is the state capital and a university town, its first abortion clinic opened in 1995. It was conservative Protestant pressure that kept abortion clinics out; the city is only about 25 percent Catholic. A very conservative model of the Church in Lincoln is obviously easier to sustain, and is not nearly so countercultural as it would be

in, say, Greenwich, Connecticut.

**In direct** contrast to the parish in Lincoln is the cathedral parish in Saginaw, Michigan, run by a charismatic woman, Sister Honora Remes, the pastoral administrator.

Visiting Saginaw, I was immediately struck by the degree to which the Saginaw parish demystified the Mass and the Eucharist, which is perfectly consistent, of course, with the language in Vatican II about the Eucharist as a communal "Easter meal." In Saginaw, the priest performed the consecration





in a normal tone of voice, there were no bells or deep genuflections and a minimum of gold vessels, and the bread was much more like ordinary bread than the traditional host. People seemed to receive the Eucharist very reverently, but the “feel” of the service was rather like communion services I’ve attended in Protestant churches. It was, in current jargon, much more of a *horizontal* liturgy—one that, in sharp contrast to the style in Lincoln, emphasizes the essential equality of ministers and congregation.

A Saginaw-type horizontal organizational style, I suspect, is at least partly a consequence of the feminization of the ministry that is evident not only in liberal dioceses such as Saginaw, but also in some that are not notably liberal, such as Los Angeles. There seems to be a pretty direct connection between the concept of a male-oriented church, a patriarchal church with all the connotations of that word, and a top-down, undemocratic organizational style. In the United States now, most parish workers are lay people, including nuns, and about 80 percent of them are women. That is radically changing both the style and the substance of church operations at the ground level—almost unconsciously fostering a more participatory, democratic, talk-your-way-through-issues style.

The impetus toward a more horizontal organizational style is greatly reinforced by the shift of the center of gravity of the American Church—in terms of active, involved members—toward white, well-educated middle- and upper-middle-class suburbanites. Among younger people, Catholic college graduates consistently rank among the most involved parishioners. The theological sophistication of many of today’s ordinary Catholics is quite striking. When I asked members of one parish council how many of them had heard of Karl Rahner, they almost all raised their hands, and

most of them had taken study courses on Vatican II. Highly educated, theologically attuned congregations are much more likely to insist on participatory management in their parishes.

The participatory style is not quite the same as a democratic one. Successful pastors in highly participatory parishes in my observation kept fairly good control over the parish agenda, but they did it through their interpersonal skills, their personal authority, their superior judgment. Their leadership, that is, depended much more on their individual abilities, rather than on the inherent authority of their office.

But that is a very demanding set of job specifications. As early as 1963, Andrew Greeley wrote about the new style of Catholicism in the suburbs, suggesting that the increased sophistication of parishioners would require priests to re-envision their jobs more as team leaders, parish coordinators, recreation directors. He viewed that as a positive development, but I don’t think he realized what a poor recruiting slogan he was describing. *Wanted: Recreation director. Lifetime commitment, long hours, lousy pay, celibacy mandatory.*

During Catholicism’s golden age in this country, in the 1940s and 1950s, relatively few professions were open to even the most talented sons of the working classes. One indi-

cation of this is that the average IQ of a New York City policeman in the early 1960s was an extraordinary 125. For bright young men, the priesthood was a very attractive career. Now, anyone with the confidence, the personal authority and the superior judgment to be a superb pastor in a highly participative upper-middle-class parish will have plenty of other opportunities.

At the same time, the evidence is that today’s newer priest recruits tend to favor a more vertical form of Church. That’s only to be expected. There are so many cultural forces pulling against religion in general, and against the priesthood in particular,

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that choosing to become a priest is a strongly countercultural declaration. And in our day a strong disposition to respect authority is certainly countercultural. I don't think it's an accident that Saginaw has only a handful of men studying for the priesthood. On a population-adjusted basis, Lincoln has 15 times as many.

Consider the implications. If Catholics begin to insist on a fluid, participative operating style in their parishes, while newer priests favor a vertical style, the stage is being set for serious discord.

That kind of discord itself is enough to pull an institution apart. But I think it is merely one aspect of a much broader set of problems that can be framed by four propositions about the Catholic Church.

The first is that the Church's institutional self—its structure—is far more central to its self-identity than is the case in any other religion I know. I'm talking about the whole vast structure of pope and bishops, of councils and sacred offices, of ordinations and orders, of doctrines and encyclicals. The justification for this imposing structure is the conviction that the Catholic Church offers the one true way to heaven: that it furnishes unique and essential paths to grace, such as the Mass and the sacraments, and therefore that it's critical both to get it right and to be consistent.

Catholicism says, "This is the boat that will take you to heaven, if you climb on and follow a fairly clear set of rules and procedures." If you say, as Protestants do, that the boat is not that important, that salvation is mostly about your own personal relationship with God, that church is a useful but nonessential adjunct, then that imposing structure becomes much harder to defend. It becomes a bit like Britain's royal family—terrific for the tourists, but only so long as it doesn't cost too much, only

so long as the royals behave themselves in public and only so long as they don't get mixed up in policy. So that's my first proposition: that the Church's current institutional design is uniquely important to its self-identity. And I posit that as a comparative observation, not as a normative statement or a theological argument. In effect, I am saying only that this is the message the official Church currently gives about itself.

My second proposition, which I stated at the outset, is that the Church's greatest challenge for the foreseeable future will be coming to terms with the phenomenon of pluralist democracy. Pluralist democracy, in one form or another, seems to be the wave of the future throughout the world; or I hope it is, for the current alternatives seem singularly unattractive. Since the United States has been the major exporter of pluralist democracy throughout the world, and since the American version is the most influential, the way the Church meets this challenge in this country will have profound implications for its success in doing so globally. It also seems obvious that the process of accommodating to pluralist democracy is placing severe strains on the Church's current institutional self-identity as the bearer of a pervasive and detailed unitary Truth.

Third, I propose that the American Catholic Church has a good claim to having been the most successful national Catholic Church over the past 100 years or so, by a wide margin. In contrast to churches in traditional Catholic, or so-called Catholic, countries such as France, Italy and those of Latin America, the American Church did not lose the working classes. Instead, it evolved into a vibrant popular church that paid its own way, built its own infrastructure, had a major impact on the supposedly Protestant culture of the United States

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and managed to pay a disproportionate share of the Church's global expenses besides. To the extent that this third proposition is true, it adds greatly to the importance of reaching some kind of successful resolution of the Church-versus-pluralism issue here.

And finally, I would propose that all successful U.S. religions have somehow defined themselves in opposition to the mainstream culture. The wholesale collapse of mainstream Protestantism, starting in the 1920s and 1930s, can be traced to its assimilation into the broader culture. (There are only about 2.5 million self-identified Episcopalians left in the country, and not many more Presbyterians or Lutherans.) For many years the only successful Protestant religions—in my sense of institutionally successful—have been oppositional ones, such as Bible Belt evangelism.

In the same way, the period of the American Catholic Church's greatest success, especially during its golden era in the mid-20th century, came after it rejected assimilation in the 1880s and 1890s and created its own all-enveloping—some would say claustrophobic—oppositional American Catholic culture. That culture broke down sometime in the mid to late 1950s, and the Church found itself for the first time in a long time on its own purely as a religion, without the strong cultural supports it had grown to depend on. That may not have been the sole cause of the period of painful floundering that ensued shortly thereafter, but it was certainly a major contributor. So, to the extent that an oppositional stance is essential to religious success in this country, it tends to reinforce the importance of the Church's institutional self-identity, as I have defined it, and makes the question of coming to terms with pluralist democracy that much more subtle and problematic.

So those are my four propositions. The first is

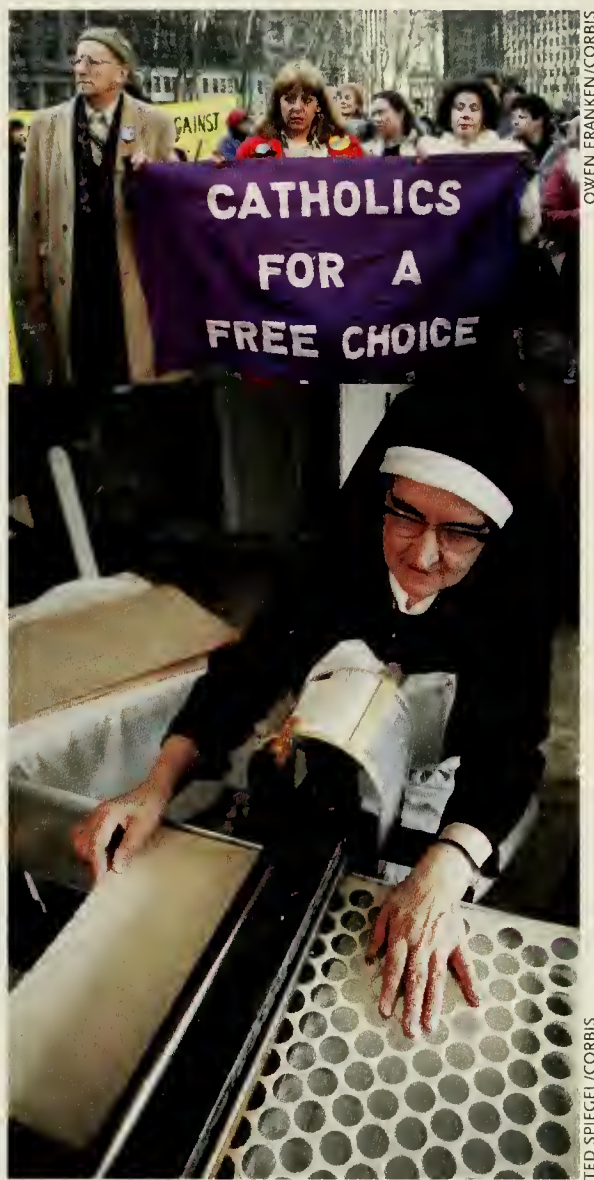
that central to the Church's religious identity is its institutional status as the keeper of a very specific compact between earth and heaven, which transcends individual preferences. Second, that discovering how to come to terms with pluralist democracy may be the most serious challenge facing the American and the world Church, for the foreseeable future. Third, that the American Catholic Church has been one of the most successful in the world, and its importance to the future

world Church is far greater than its seven to eight percent share of the world's nominal Catholics would suggest. And, finally, that successful American religions, including Catholicism, have always been oppositional to the mainstream culture.

To the extent that these four propositions accurately reflect the current situation of the Church, I think they present strategic and policy issues of enormous difficulty. It's not surprising that the debates within the management levels of the Church are so rancorous; these questions cut to the very heart of how the Church perceives itself. If my four propositions are even approximately true, serious conflicts and strains are unavoidable. The U.S. model of pluralist democracy seems antithetical to a vision of a Church in possession of non-debatable institutional truths that flow mostly from the top down. But, at the same time,

the Church must reach an accommodation with a system that may be the global wave of the future. And then how can Catholicism accomplish this in America, without losing its essential oppositional position with respect to the culture?

That is why I find it depressing to see advocates for specific futures for the Church so blithely ignoring the legitimate concerns of the other side. One of the most attractive future visions of the Church that one frequently hears from the more





liberal side of the spectrum, for example, is that the Church should re-create itself around a social-action agenda. But we need to remind ourselves that there was such a thing as a Social Gospel movement in this country. The formation of the Methodist Federation for Social Services and the Federal Council of Churches in the decade before World War I signaled just such an attempt to re-define Protestantism around a Progressive current-affairs agenda. And as soon as it became hard to distinguish a minister's job from that of a settlement-house director, mainstream Protestantism's slide into oblivion had begun.

Conservatives seem just as blind when they advocate a return to what sounds like a 1950s version of American Catholic cultural separatism. That simply ignores the position of Catholics in contemporary America—wealthy, educated, theologically attuned. The “Rome has spoken; the case is closed” style of reasoning is alien to them. If what Rome has spoken doesn't seem to make much sense or seems inconsistent with the dictates of practical ethics, these Catholics don't feel obligated to fall into line.

Terms such as “cafeteria Catholics,” which imply that doctrinal acceptance depends merely on a kind of hedonistic calculus, I think, are simply snide. The people I met in U.S. parishes seem to be grappling honestly with difficult issues: in vitro fertilization for infertile Catholic couples, questions of practical sexual ethics for unmarried Catholic adults, sacramental reunion for divorced and remarried Catholics, and many others. The official Church's habit of simply brushing these issues aside, as if the Council of Trent is the last word on the modern world, is probably heading down just a different kind of blind alley.

I think it's interesting in this connection that when Pope John Paul II was in Cuba he spoke on the virtues of a pluralist society, meaning that the Church wanted equal rights with Communism. But pluralism is one of those quicksilver phenomena that are hard to contain. Just as China is discovering that pluralist economics quickly spills over into pluralist politics, the Vatican will have trouble showing why advocacy of a pluralist external environment for the Church doesn't naturally imply a pluralist internal environment.

The tendency of liberal reformers is to convert the Vatican into a kind of holding company, with a pope as chairman, but with key policy decisions decentralized to the national, or even diocesan, level. There is no reason why this couldn't work, although in corporate terms, it might be the mother of all downsizings.

You can see what a conundrum this poses. The more the Church adopts a Saginaw style—placing less emphasis on the sacral and the mystical, less on such doctrines as the Real Presence, and more on communal-meal kind of liturgies—the further the Church moves from the notion that it is the bearer of a unique Truth, and the more it becomes a kind of higher-order metaphor of the faith of a particular “People of God” who happen to be sharing a Eucharistic meal. The priestly role tends to be downgraded to that of facilitator and coordinator, at the same time that the psychological demands of the job rise sharply. And the Vatican becomes a religious museum piece, full of echoes and resonances but with no relevance—like a medieval cathedral.

The shift of emphasis away from the Church as institution and toward the quality of the particular local community of believers is already evidenced by the prevalence of parish-hopping. Catholics now increasingly shop for parishes, looking for the right kind of social-action agenda, a compatible set of parishioners, good music, whatever. It is an easy next step to jump to a Protestant church that offers

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# Alumnotes

## Last Word

Retiring Alumni Association Executive Director John F. Wissler '57, CGSOM '72 shares his reflections on 31 years at the helm. An interview with *Alumnotes* Editor Maura King Scully '88, GA&S '93

### What kept you in the job for 31 years?

Each year brought new people to the Alumni Board; so, to a certain extent, it was like starting over again every year. I found tremendous energy in working with new people and having them become, in some cases, converted alumni—energized alumni leaders. So, instead of 31 academic years, it feels more like one year times 31. It never was boring to me. And never burdensome.

### So this kept things like Reunion and Laetare Sunday new?

It was never, "Ah well, here goes the same old thing again," because we were always engaged in continuous product improvement—trying to make things better, trying to think, "Let's satisfy more customer needs." We were always striving to elevate each program to the next level, as well as to initiate new programs.

### What would you say is the biggest change in 31 years?

Let me start out by stating what hasn't changed: the loyalty of Boston College alumni. When I came in 1967, we had an

exceptional core of loyalty that a lot of other schools didn't have. We also had a program that was perfectly satisfactory for the time, composed of social meetings and a club program—we did a lot of the right things. So, I think for the time, it was doing exactly what our alumni expected.

But we didn't think enough about what alumni might *need*. That changed with the student revolution of the '70s; we learned that alumni needed to know a lot more about their school, and a lot more of what was happening on campus.

Through that, we came to the realization that the Alumni Association is a member service organization. Our alumni don't owe us anything. They got a great education, and, hopefully, they feel loyal to Boston College when they get out. But if we don't continue to give them services, then



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there's no reason for them to be loyal to us. We can't demand loyalty; we have to earn it.

**What will you miss about being executive director?**

Oh, that's easy. I will miss relationships. I will miss being involved with people—with *our* people, alumni. I love Boston College. It's been an honor to serve the school. Feeling that way, I've never found anybody who called me to be a problem. It's just like: these are things that I do; it's my job, and I do it because I'm here to serve alumni.

I'll also miss working with my staff. One of my greatest personal satisfactions is having staff members who developed in this office and then were promoted, both here at BC and beyond. I've tried to coach every single person in my office out of their jobs because I want them to reach their potential. I'm proud to say that not only has that happened more often than not, but also, these former staff members have remained very close friends. I've really enjoyed that—I guess that's the role of leadership. I'd like to think, immodestly, that I've become at least some kind of a leader, hopefully, a good one. A leader, Peter Drucker says, is someone you'd like to follow. I think people have wanted to follow me. I certainly get that sense—most of the time.

**What will you miss the least?**

I will not miss the obligation of attending things. I can now make choices. During the academic year, two-thirds of my weekends were taken up, at least in part, by some Boston College event. Sometimes there was a wake I needed to attend; but

that meant in the middle of a weekend, I had to change into good clothes and go to the wake. I did it willingly, but those are obligations that I won't have.

I also won't miss being "on duty"; I can choose to attend a football game with another couple, have a sandwich by the car, go to the game and thoroughly enjoy it, knowing all the other things going on that day are someone else's responsibility.

**What are some of the things the job has done for you that you didn't expect?**

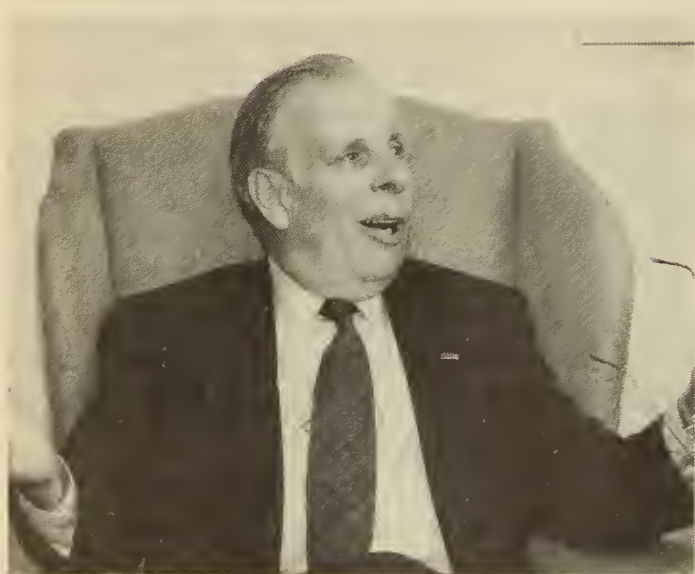
When I got married at the age of 22, I trusted my life would work out. I didn't know how, but I trusted it would. In a million years, I never thought I would have this job. It just wasn't in my consciousness. And all of a sudden, ten years later, I had this opportunity to turn my avocation into a vocation and to end up spending most of my career working here, which has been a labor of love. But besides that, it's given me the opportunity to travel, which I thoroughly enjoy. And when I think back to the fact that I trusted that things would work out, I realize that that's exactly what happened.

I'm also very grateful that Boston College provided me and my family with many opportunities; we all travelled to many away football games and had some great times. Even my parents got into the act! Also, it's not incidental that the fact that I worked here enabled my wife, Jeanne, to consider going to college in mid-life; she ended up with two degrees from Boston College—a bachelor's and a master's in social work.

I'm grateful to BC for that, and also grateful to Jeanne because I could have never done this job without her participation and support.

**Did you think you were young when you took this job?**

Just as I didn't think I was particularly young when I got married, I didn't think I was particularly young when I got this job at 32. Now I look back and think I must have been a baby. It was great I





didn't know any better because I just plunged ahead. I'm very grateful to those early leaders who put up with what must have been, in many cases, brashness, but they just let me plow ahead. I'm very thankful also to the leaders who shaped me; some of my greatest coaches were my elected leaders. I'm very fond of saying sometimes I'm serving and they're leading, and sometimes they're serving while I lead. And that's the way it's worked out. I was young, and they let me run. They let me try new things, and a lot of them worked.

**Did you think you would stay in the job this long?**

This may seem naive, but I took this job absolutely believing it was the perfect job for me. Other people applied for this job, and I got it fair and square. I was so happy and absolutely satisfied that I never once thought about how long I'd be here. So, I didn't ever put a timeline on it, and continued to get satisfaction from doing the job. And if you find satisfaction in what you're doing, what more can you ask? And yet, if you'd told me I'd do it for 31 years, I would have said "no way."

**Of your many accomplishments, of what are you most proud?**

One thing that stands out for me is the increased involvement of women in the Alumni Association. Shortly after I arrived, I realized that women were not active in the alumni life of Boston College; I ran the numbers and learned that [in 1967] 17% of all graduates were women—not a small amount. I was determined that they would become involved in our Alumni Association. I went to a meeting of an organization called "The Women Alumni of the Boston

College Alumni Association"—it was what you'd call a caucus today—and told them I was determined to put them out of business. They thought I was crazy, but I said, "You should be involved. This should not be a separate group." And in fact, within two or three years, the organization went out of existence.

Of course, today, 47% of our alumni

have! I just think it's a great story of undoing an injustice back in 1967.

Let me finish by saying though that anything I've accomplished in this job, I've done because of volunteer leadership. I do not believe that I, personally, should take credit for this Alumni Association's success. There are so many willing volunteers who love Boston Col-

lege, who continue not only to help the Association, but also help other alumni. We've had great leadership, and we also have had wonderful soldiers out in the field doing the work of Boston College, really being ambassadors for Boston College. They have made this Association what it is today. I've just been along for the ride.

**What is the most unusual place you've run into an alumnus?**

One of the greatest examples of "You're always going to run into someone," happened three years ago. I met with my then new alumni president, Jack Connor ['65, LAW '68], and went over details for the coming year. The next morning, I got on a plane to Hawaii and was on the beach in Honolulu the following afternoon. Five minutes after I was on the beach—with my BC hat on—I ran into Jack Connor's brother-in-law, Tom Flanagan '68, from San Francisco—6,000 miles away from campus.

**What will people see, looking back, as the Wissler Legacy?**

[Laughter] I think the Wissler legacy will be that I knew a lot of people and remembered a lot of the details about those people. And people appreciated that. A fellow walked into my office one day and said, "I don't know if you remember my father." Well, I did remem-

**Anything** I've accomplished in this job, I've done because of volunteer leadership. I do not believe that I, personally, should take credit for this Alumni Association's success. There are so many willing volunteers who love Boston College, [who] have made this association what it is today. I've just been along for the ride.

are women, and I think they're very involved. In the last five years, one of our Alumni Boards had a majority of women; in our classes that have graduated within the last 15 years, 57% of the class officers are women; half the Alumni Admission Volunteers and the alumni in the Career Advisory Network are women. And look at all the women class correspondents we



ber his father. He was Class of 1921 and president of the Class. The son really appreciated that—he was touched.

One thing's for sure: remembering isn't just decorating the walls. The fact that I've been able to connect people with other people has been very helpful, but it wasn't an accident—it was very deliberate. I was in this job for two months when I said to myself, "Oh my God, everyone in this town is related to everybody else." I made a commitment then to pay attention to the details. So, that has definitely affected the way I relate to people. But I can't pass that on to my successor; how can you make somebody else do that? They're going to start over.

#### **Are you leaving with any regrets?**

Sure. I have to accept the fact that I couldn't solve every problem. I'm leaving with some things I didn't completely straighten out. I think we could have done a better job strengthening our class leadership. We have a great class organization, but it could be better. I think the new strategic plan has highlighted that, and I think that's going to happen. I just would have liked to have the opportunity to work on it. That's number one.

The second regret would be our travel programs. I think we're on the right track now, but I don't think we ever hit it just right on the nose, the way it should be. And I think we can do more there.

#### **Disappointments?**

I'll tell you what disappoints me. We have an Alumni Association that involves a lot of people and provides a lot of services to a lot of alumni. And I am disappointed that many alumni who have availed themselves of services, who think of themselves as actively involved alumni, do not contribute financially to Boston College—either at all, or up to the levels they are able to do. I just cannot understand that. It particularly hurts when I go to people's homes where they have their BC diplomas hanging on the wall and their Boston College chairs around, and I know that they are not contributors to

Boston College. It's dismaying to me. Our participation rate [in the annual fund] is running about 30%, which is respectable, but it really should be higher, just on the basis of the connections we have made with alumni and Boston College, and with the services we have provided for them.

#### **Any advice for your successor?**

I will tell whoever comes in, just let the staff do their jobs until you figure out what's going on and what the priorities are. Then change gradually, but explain why you want to do things. Let the staff solve the problems of the challenges you want to attack. But if you come in and try to personally control everything, you'll drive yourself crazy, when you should be out meeting people.

I think this is one of the greatest Alumni Associations in the world, with great, loyal alumni. There is just no limit to how much this Association can do. What is done in the future will have to be done using more volunteers; you can't rely on adding more staff because that's not going to happen in the foreseeable future. And I honestly believe we can do an even better job with the involvement of more volunteers who are out there, ready and willing to help.

I hope whoever comes in plans to stay for a long time because it's the longevity in the job that has made it even more satisfying.

#### **What are your plans for retirement?**

People tell me I have a lot of energy—at least exhibited by my enthusiasm. I'll certainly redirect a piece of that to volunteer work. I had a meeting today with people at the Greater Boston Food Bank about objectives for Second Helping [the Alumni Association's perishable food rescue program]. The next thing you know, they're talking about my riding the truck one day a week to meet some of the people who donate food. They think I'd be a great salesperson for the program and for Boston College.

On the business side, I'd love to do

some consulting with alumni associations. I just don't think there are a huge number of alumni associations that are highly successful, and I believe that alumni volunteers throughout the country are totally underutilized. Unfortunately in many cases, there is the attitude on the part of schools that alumni are to be manipulated and managed instead of led. I believe that if alumni are led, all schools can have great alumni associations with people who are ready, willing and able to do a great job.

I have often said that schools graduate people with bachelor's degrees and master's degrees and doctorates, tell these graduates that they're prepared to go out and conquer the world—and then invite them back to serve on boards where they're just told what to do. And as soon as they find out they're going to be told what to do, they just do what they're told, and that's it. But they're capable of so much more.

I've learned if you give people enough responsibility to make mistakes, whether volunteers or staff, they'll knock down walls for you as long as they get credit for everything they do right, and you take responsibility for what goes wrong. It's a system that works, and I don't know why the whole world hasn't embraced it because giving power to people is the most liberating, effective thing that I could ever think of that I've done. It absolutely, positively works.

An association belongs to its members. If all colleges approached their alumni associations with that premise, they'd get a lot more from people. I have found, in working with our alumni, if you give them a project and say, "It's your responsibility," and let them run with it, they go out and do the project with a minimum of staff support. I think other alumni associations could do this, and I'd like to help them do it.

#### **What are you going to do on the first day you're not executive director?**

Fly to Greece.



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The last correspondent for this class column, **Charles E. Schroeder**, passed away on March 12, 1998. Charley's wife, Grace, died two weeks before Charley, on March 3. Charley and Grace divided their retirement years between New Port Richey, FL and Plymouth, MA. Charley's legacy to BC are his son, C. Robert '58, his wife Alice (Sullivan) GA&S '89 and their son, Scott '84. Charley was Mr. Fix-It to his family. The Alumni Association will remember him as a great class leader and Laetare Sunday class agent.

## 28

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A recent editorial in *The Pilot* contains this perceptive sentence: "Time accelerates as years accumulate." Semesters repeat themselves with dizzying speed, so that now we are faced with BC's 121st Commencement. It is difficult to realize or even imagine that 70 years have fled into history since that subtropical day (June 14, 1928 to be exact) when 123 highly trained young men assembled on the former football field for the purpose of receiving their well-earned degrees. First, they listened to their classmates **William Killion** and **Francis Shea** about the many virtues of our federal government. Then each one of them was handed his diploma by William Cardinal O'Connell, who was the presiding officer. From that group evolved devoted priests, captains of industry, legal experts, medical and school administrators and many successful businessmen. They were eternally grateful for the training they had received from the Jesuits, and they vowed to put it into practice during the years to come. • Since the last issue, the wives of **Bill DuMarzio** and **Herb Stokinger** have disappeared behind the pearly gates. • A healthy and happy season to all, and be sure to celebrate our 70th anniversary.

## 29

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Legendary BC athlete **Al Weston** died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 91 on Nov. 13, in San Diego, CA. An all-American football player, he was the finest quarterback of his era. At the 60th reunion of the team in '88, Al was introduced as "The greatest Eagle of them all." Joe McKenney '27, former teammate and coach of the '28 team, said of Al, "I never saw a greater running back in college or professional football." Nicknamed "Big Six" because he always found the end zone when BC needed a touchdown, Al was named to the Eastern team for the '29 East/West game. He was also an outstanding baseball player and captain of the BC team. As a slugging first baseman, his .465 batting average in 1928 was the highest of all Eastern collegiate players. He later played professional baseball with the Boston Braves. He is a member of the BC Varsity Club Hall of Fame. In 1950, sportswriter Bill Cunningham named Al "the finest New England athlete of the first half of the century." A lifelong resident of Needham, he was a standout, three-sport athlete at Needham High, and at Coburn Classical prep school in Waterville, ME. He later owned and operated Paramount Laundry, a commercial laundry in Watertown. He is survived by his sister, Josephine Weston Drewrey of Wellesley; nephew, Randolph Weston Drewrey of Wellesley; niece, Davida Weston Drewrey of San Diego; and his beloved grand niece, Emily Weston Scherer of San Diego.

## 30

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I received a note from Lynne Gagne '92 that her grandfather, **John J. Callahan**, had passed away Nov. 3 at his home in Vero Beach, FL. The last time Jack or *Red* as many knew him, was in Boston was Aug. '89 when he hosted a reunion luncheon at the Parker House for his surviving classmates. • Also, **Edward J. Grimm** died Dec. 21. Ed had been

living in New York City. May they rest in peace. • The retirement of Alumni Association Executive Director John Wissler '57 caught us by surprise. He always seemed so young and full of life, we could not believe that he was retirement material. A good friend of the Class of 1930, may he enjoy his golden years to the full.

## 31

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With sadness we report the death of **Dudley J. Walsh** and extend our condolences to the Walsh family. • Of recent date, **Edward C. McAleer** was honored by Alma Mater in recognition of his \$50,000 annuity fund to establish a lectureship in English. Ed had a most active career in academia, teaching in Athens, Greece, and at Univ. of Virginia, Louisiana State Univ. and finally at Hunter College. He retired in 1973, at which time he was honored by being named English Professor Emeritus. • **Tom Crosby** proudly reports that his granddaughter, Melissa Stone, recently received a graduate degree from BC School of Social Work. Melissa has been a staff member at a charitable organization, Roads To Responsibility, dedicated to the care of the mentally ill and retarded. • The Development Office reported that for the past fiscal year, our Class donated a total of \$60,108. • Again, we would appreciate a call or note to assist us in keeping this column alive. Wishing you all a healthful and enjoyable summer.

## 32

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John Wissler's 33 years of service to some 120,000 of us will soon come to an end. John, non pariel in what he does, is best expressed by the French term *achevalier sans peur et sans reproche* or just number one all the way. • **Edward Stewart** of Scituate, a retired Scituate teacher and school administrator, died Wed., Feb. 25 at the Life Care Center of

the South Shore after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Ghea Cole. Also a graduate of Bridgewater State College, Ed lettered in football on the Heights. He worked for the Scituate public school system from '32 to '70 as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal and superintendent. While at Scituate High School, he coached many championship teams in football, basketball and baseball. After his retirement, Ed was an admissions representative for Assumption College in Worcester. Ed served with the Navy during World War II and retired in '69 with the rank of Commander. He was elected to the Mass. High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in '68 and was a member of Scituate Country Club. He is survived by two daughters, Mary Jane Vallancourt of Salem and Linda Wild of Scituate; three sons, Edward L., Jr. of Pensacola, FL, Peter of Plymouth and Michael of Scituate; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 am on Sat., Feb. 28. Your prayers, please, for Ed and his family.

## 33

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My thanks to those of you who sent along some information about yourselves and your families. It has been summarized, I hope, satisfactorily. Let's hear from the rest of you fellows or from your families. • **John Mahoney** retired in '76 as Wakefield police prosecutor for the Malden court, and his wife retired from teaching in the Woburn public schools. Married 57 years, they have one son, and one daughter who herself has four daughters. • **Jack Keiran** spends the winter in FL and plays tennis. In the summer he lives in Westwood. A daughter, Joanne, is a VP at Fidelity Investment in Boston. He is a long-time member at Longwood Cricket Club. • **Joe Brennan**, retired as philosophy professor from Barnard College, began a 14-year stint as professor of philosophy at the Naval War College, Newport, RI. His wife, Mary, passed away in '96. They have six children, one of whom graduated from BC in '78. He put on a little show at the Heights about the works of German writer, Thomas Mann. • **Frank**



**Walsh**, known as the pal of **Billy Baker**, passed away Jan. 4, leaving his wife of 57 years, Mary, nine children and four grandchildren. His daughter, Marion, is a member of the MA State Senate. Frank retired as chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Brockton and West Roxbury Veteran's Hospital. Frank served in the Army in World War II and hosted the WBZ-TV show, "*You and Your Health*." • **John Patterson** simply says "I can't imagine how anything I do would be interesting to classmates—all I do is stay healthy and wonder if this is the same world we contemplated in June '33!" What he does not tell you about is the many years he spent in diplomatic service with the State Department. • **Father Charlie Donovan, SJ** has been at BC for all of his Jesuit life, from '39 to date and is the college historian. He has published much on BC and its people. • Like many of you over the 65 years since the Heights, I have sad news. My beloved wife, the former Agnes McHugh, passed suddenly and unexpectedly on Sept. 3 after 57 happy and healthy married years, leaving four married children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren—all well and, as our son Billy said, "all good kids." • **Ernest G. Kimball** passed away Jan. 14, after heart attacks, by-pass surgery and a stroke. Ernie was a photo engraver. His four children and wife, Rose, survive him, plus one younger brother, Charlie '39 of Wellesley. • **Rev. Albert C. Abracinskis**, ordained at St. John's Seminary in '40, served the Greater Boson Archdiocese for over 40 years at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in S. Boston, St. Casimir's in Brockton and St. George's Lithuanian parish in Norwood. In retirement, he lives in the chaplain's home of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton. • **Jim Foley** writes from Quincy, "Only one of my three children went to BC. My son, Jim, is a triple Eagle—BC High, BC and the Law School. I spent 40 years in the Boston public schools, retiring as principal of three schools in Charlestown in '77. After enjoying a summer home at the Cape for 20 years, as well as doing some traveling—three trips to Ireland, a couple to Alaska, Hawaii, etc., I am now sticking closer to home and watching my three grandchildren grow up.

## 34

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**Father Jack Saunders**, who gets around more than those who don't use a cane, writes that he went to Campion Center in Weston and met with Rev. Joseph Quane, SJ, who is the last alive of all the faculty that taught the Class of 1934. Joe will be remembered as our ethics quiz master. • Twenty-two members of the Class who graduated entered the priesthood, Jack writes, and there are four still with us: John A. Saunders, **John F. Caulfield, SJ**, **Charles Anadore** and **Edward Q. Moriarty, SJ**. Besides those men who graduated with the Class, there are those who left after sophomore year to enter the seminary. That gives the Class two score priests and ten. But, let the sociologists brood on this: no member of the Class had a son who became a priest. • Father Jack is semi-retired living in Milton, and visits **Bill Carr**, former school committee member, at his South Boston home each week. He also dines regularly with Charlie Anadore. Charlie fills in at St. Agatha's Church in Milton, but recently said Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Jamaica Plain where **Owen L. Clark** greeted him after the service. • **Al Ike Ezmunt** writes from Boynton Beach, FL that he goes golfing twice a week. **Tim Donohue** has given up driving, but drives four days a week at the Atlantis, FL golf course. His wife, by the way, is club champion.

## 35

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Hello out there! Is anyone home? The phone never rings with a classmate offering a suggestion or a word of encouragement. Not even the challenge to identify the class member who: 1. lives in S. Boston, 2. rides a motorcycle through Boston traffic, 3. excels in ballroom dancing, and 4. is a national chess champion, elicited a phone call. The prize of a lesson in ballroom dancing or a ride on the back of the motorcycle went unclaimed. The classmate is **Frank Galvin** and, although we have been

known to exaggerate, this time everything we said is true. Frank is a quiet, genial, talented person who, for some reason, dropped out of sight many years ago, but who very much appreciated our seeking him out. He will now probably leave his dancing trophies to the BC library. • **Dick Vaughan** also thanked us for remembering him. He sent us a warm note saying that we had rekindled his school spirit. • Doris Halloran, too, wrote thanking us for our words about **John Halloran**. • Still on the happy side, a truly unique honor came to **Jim McDonough** awhile back. He was directly involved in the canonization of Edith Stein. Miss Stein was a Jewish girl who became a Carmelite nun and died a martyr at Auschwitz in '42. Jim was asked by ecclesiastical authorities to serve as a "peritus" (expert) in evaluating the medical evidence of a miracle performed through intercession to her. His positive finding was a key part of the process. If you would like details, call Jim at 617-729-0356. • Also on the bright side, our volleyball team continues to work out faithfully. We have moved **John Griffin** up to the key spot at right forward. He is now the one who jumps up high, close to the eight-foot net, and spikes the ball down into the opponents' court. John's ability to get three feet off the floor from a standing position makes him very valuable. • Now for the sad news of the further thinning of our ranks. Our report of the death of **Frank Tansey** was cut from the previous issue of *Alumnnotes* because of space limitations. Frank died Jan. 9, 1997. His son, Frank, Jr. talked to us about his life. After a year at Harvard Business School, he went to work for Sears, and eventually got into commercial refrigeration. He and Louise lived for many years in W. Roxbury and raised four children, all of whom are doing well. After the death of Louise in '89, he moved into a retirement home in Hingham to be near Frank, Jr. and his family. Always fastidious about his dress, he maintained his high standards to the end—sport coat, shirt and tie every day. • **John Sheedy** died June 18, truly one of Torrington, CT's outstanding citizens. He was the unquestioned leader in the hearing-aid field, president of the state organization of dealers and sponsor of legislation to protect the public by requiring dealers to be licensed. He was active in his church, a reader at Mass and editor of his parish newsletter. He was a member of Torrington's school board, and the

author of several scripts for annual shows of a talented musical group in the town. All this he shared with his wife, Marion, whom he lost in '90. They left four children and 15 grandchildren. Other classmates we have lost will be remembered in the next edition: **Pete McCauley**, **Jim Lynes** and **Al Luppi**.

## 36

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John Wissler, Alumni Association Executive Director for over 30 years, is retiring in June. Over the years, John and his staff have been most helpful in arranging our reunions and annual luncheons. The Class of 1936 wants to say thanks to John and wish him well in the future. • In Jan., *The Pilot* had a lengthy and interesting article on **Msgr. John Speed Carroll**, highlighting his priestly career—including, as Speed calls them, his "golden years" as director of the CYO. • **Bill Ellis** is now recovering at home after a lengthy illness in Tobey Hospital in Wareham. Until recently, his wife, Gladys, was still active in furniture refinishing and teaching the art of making wicker baskets. Right now they are both trying to regain good health. • **Frank Hilbrunner's** wife, Dorothy, is now at home recovering from major surgery, and promises to be at our luncheon in May. • **Ed Berra**, living in Arlington, "must go down to the seas again;" every so often, he goes up to Rye Beach, NH to visit relatives and enjoy the area. • **Mark Dalton** is presently working on an article he may submit to the Naval Institute publication. Mark is writing about certain Naval operations in which he participated at Utah Beach on D-Day. Mark, a Naval intelligence officer on the staff of Rear Adm. Don Moon, had a clear insight into the bombardment and landings that took place that day; in his writings hopes to put them all into perspective. • At this time of year the Alumni Association solicits nominations for the various annual Alumni Awards, including the highest award, the William V. McKenney Award. The Class of 1936 is still the only class to have four members receive this distinguished award: **Tip O'Neill** in '64; **Speed Carroll** in '68; **Connie Owens** in '76; and **Bishop Lawrence Riley** in '78. • In the next issue, I'll fill you in on who came to



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the luncheon and if anything dramatic happened. It usually doesn't, so don't hold your breath! • In March, we all received **Al Burgoyne's** letter re considering BC in our estate planning. As Al indicated, it is well worth considering.

## 37

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I am sorry to report the death of Audrey S. Gaquin, wife of **Tom Gaquin**, our treasurer, on Jan. 16. She was a retired school librarian of Ursuline Academy in Dedham. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy in '35 and earned a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College in '39. She earned a master's degree in mathematics from BC in '40. She worked as an assistant to the auditor at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. until her marriage in '45. She was a homemaker until '66, when she began her job as librarian at Ursuline Academy. Mrs. Gaquin was a member and past president of the Emmanuel College Alumnae Association, the West Roxbury Catholic Women's Club, and the Junior Philomatheia Club. She was also a member of various Catholic Clubs in W. Roxbury. She leaves behind her husband, Thomas; three daughters, Audrey Gaquin Buck of Annapolis, MD, Barbara Gaquin Brandt of Norwood and Helen Gaquin Niedermeier of S. Burlington, VT; and nine grandchildren. A funeral was held at St. Theresa's Church in W. Roxbury. Since a group was having a social get-together in Maine, they could not attend the wake and funeral, so they remembered her by making a donation to the Ursuline Academy Library. The list included Sheila and **Jim Doherty**, Lucille and **Bill Doherty**, Mary and **Frank McCabe** and Penny Sullivan. Some made private donations such as myself and **Leo Coveney**. Most of my information was taken from the write-up in the *Boston Globe*. • I'm sorry to report the death of **William H. Sullivan, Jr.** of the New England Patriots, who passed away Feb. 23, just as this copy was headed to press. Full notice will be added in next issue. • I'd like to add here the name of **John V. McCarthy**, who was inadvertently omitted from the list of attendees at our June 11, 1997 Luncheon which appeared in the in the Fall issue • Please remember all

the sick members of the Class. Have a good summer. BCing you!

## 38

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I am saddened to relate the deaths of two of our classmates: **Tom True** and **Frank Hunt**. Tom had been our class recorder since graduation and had done a fantastic job over the years. I found out at his wake that the "Notes," as his eleven children called them, were a family affair in which all had a hand. Tom had a remarkable memory for the names and faces of so many of his classmates. The "Notes" will not be the same without Tom. • Frank Hunt, a native of Dedham, founded a hometown newspaper while attending BC. He worked for the V.A. in Bedford and Boston after leaving the service. Both Frank and Tom served in the Navy during World War II. Our condolences to Ruth, Barbara, and their families.

## 39

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It's that time again and, unfortunately, the bad news is still with us. Jan. was marked by the death of two well-known members of the Class of 1939, Joseph T. Cedrone and Rev. John J. Lawlor. **Joseph Cedrone's** sudden death shocked the Brighton community, which he had served for so many years as an optometrist and as an active member of local organizations. For his part, **Father Jack Lawlor** had been a priest in numerous parishes in the Boston Archdiocese for over 50 years. In addition, he had also retired as a Brigadier General Air Force Chaplain and later as a chaplain for the Mass. State Police. • More recently, we learned of the death of **James Pete Ricciuti** of N. Weymouth and Quincy. In addition to his active involvement in a family business, Pete had been a long-time administrator in the City of Quincy, serving at various times as city purchasing agent and as commissioner of public works. A grateful community honored him by naming a W. Quincy road "Ricciuti

Drive." **Peter Kerr**, our veteran Class treasurer, has expressed the sympathy of the Class to their families; we will keep them all in our prayers. • On the happier side, **Paul Keane** has passed on the best wishes to all of **Msgr. Joseph Teletcha** of Hyattsville, MD. **Gerry Coughlin**, still busy in San Salvador, did the same when he wrote to ask us to pass on his condolences to Marie Flynn. • Of course, some of our brethren are now sunning (?) themselves in Florida while the rest of us New England locals are relieved that this winter has been damp but open. • Finally, two bits of really good news!! First, you will be heartened to know that most, if not all, of us have achieved the prominence of being a part of the answer in a recent crossword puzzle. Curious? The puzzle asked for a 13-letter synonym for "venerable ones." Space problems here don't permit me to hide the answer, so the word I'm sure you would have chosen describes those of us who have survived this long, viz. "octogenarians." Of course you may have some trouble in getting spouses, children, grandchildren, significant others, et al., to acknowledge this more pious claim to fame by showering you with more by way of respect, awe, reverence, even veneration. Lots of luck! And lest you become too enamored of your new title, "venerable," it does not yet have any episcopal imprimatur. • The other and final bit of good news is a reminder that one year from the time that you read this, our Class of 1939 will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of its graduation. Wow! Keep healthy and keep an eye and an ear open for dates and details regarding the June '99 Memorial Mass and reception the Alumni Association will hold in our honor. Peace.

## 40

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Early in Jan., **John Foristall** grabbed the ball, raced 100 yards into my backyard and really scored when he dubbed me the new Class correspondent. **Dan Griffin**, long time editor, has done a great job for many years, and we do wish him improved health. • I must say I continue to be impressed with the enthusiasm of all your Class officers, who are ever alert to the fortunes of the Class of 1940. Now approaching our 58th

anniversary and the octogenarian era, our activity reporting has thinned out. Our Alumni House is more than willing to collect items and pass them on to me. At this time, our classmates are highly focused on family events, particularly on our children and grandchildren, who are engaged in new careers and varied stages of education. Let's hear about this from you. Meanwhile, take your pills and keep your medical appointments. • Mary, widow of **Owen Hilberg**, sends us news that their daughter, Carol, and her husband, Cedric Osborne, live in Monserat, where a volcano is erupting, making two thirds of the island unsafe. They have moved to the north and are planning to remain unless it really gets bad. Mary's granddaughter is local, graduating from Lesley College in May. She is hoping to teach middle school in the Boston area. • **Bill Joy** reports that **John Anderson**, former member of the Class, died recently. He was an executive of New England Telephone Co. He leaves his wife, four daughters, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. • **Joseph J. Dannehy** notified us that his wife, Margaret Riordan Dannehy, died Feb. 8, 1997. At the time of her death, she lived in CT with her husband. She is survived by four children and two grandchildren. • Mary O'Brien called to tell us that her son, Frank Jr., was married to Carol Piantadosi at Holy Name Church in W. Roxbury. Carol is a BC grad, Class of '81. • Julie Marie McMahon, eldest grandchild of Doris and our beloved **Henry McMahon**, is enjoying her first year at BC's Carroll School of Management. She is the daughter of Martha and Brian McMahon of Burlington. Our best wishes to her! • Late word from Marion, Dan Griffin's wife, informs us that Dan did suffer a stroke, but is doing well in a recovery center. • On a brighter note, John Foristall appreciatively reports that his request for class dues has succeeded to almost \$1,000!

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Calendar item: Please mark your calendar *now* with the date and time of our annual luncheon, to be held at the Newton Campus Tue., June 9. The event will begin with a memorial Mass for the deceased members



of the Class and will be followed with a luncheon in Barat House. With sufficient advanced notice, we can expect to have a fairly good attendance. • The Class extends its best wishes to John Wissler on the occasion of his retirement in June. Over the years, John gave generously of his time and resources to ensure the Class had the necessary facilities and transportation for several functions planned for our enjoyment and benefit. • Likewise, we wish to express a debt of gratitude and appreciation to Joanne Goggins, who was reassigned to the Office of Development. Her able assistance with records, details and class rosters made it possible for the committee to plan successfully for our numerous functions. • **Jack Colahan** informs us that he recently spent over a month in the hospital as a result of an unusual accident on his property. It seems that he stepped back to admire the paint job just completed on his house, fell into a thicket of bushes, and dislocated several of his vertebrae. During his hospital stay, he developed a viral infection which complicated his condition. We are glad to report that he is now fully recovered and will be attending our upcoming events. • **Joe Zabalski** was also hospitalized for a short time, but tells us that he is fully recovered. • It is with sadness that we report the recent death of Kathleen Kehoe, **Jack Kehoe's** affable and gracious wife, who passed away Feb. 3. Similarly, we inform the Class of the death of **Bill Maguire**, who passed away Jan. 24. Attending Bill's wake and funeral Mass were: Frank and Madelaine Galvani, George and Rita Kerivan, Joe and Mary McCaffery, Bob and Theresa Sliney, Len McDermott, Lucian Magri, Bob Gallagher, John Jansen, Walter Dubzinski, Nick and Mary Sortile, and Bishop Joe Maguire. Several representatives of the College administration and Athletic Department were also in attendance. Fr. Francis Mackin, SJ, chaplain of the Alumni Association, concelebrated the Mass. **Nick Sottile** delivered the eulogy. Additionally, the *Middlesex News* carried a feature story on Bill, highlighting his career as a track star and his enthusiastic loyalty to BC over the years. • A recent issue of the *BC Chronicle* (Feb. 12) paid tribute to **Emil Slizewski** on the occasion of his completing a long and distinguished tenure as a professor at the Law School. • Once again, your correspondent asks you to put aside any pretensions of modesty and tell us about your activities and achieve-

ments during these "golden years." All the members of our Class distinguished themselves during the war years and throughout their careers. Assuredly, you are still distinguishing yourselves no less now. Please share with us information on your retirement activities, your volunteering, and any awards or other recognition you might have received within recent years.

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Thanks to daughter, Ellen, Dorothy and **Ed McDonald** became proud grandparents for the eleventh time on Dec. 27, just prior to their migration to sunny Florida. Ed's heart attack, which hospitalized him for 10 days, was not caused by the excitement of Julia's birth. • Returns on the **Joe Stanton** Endowment Fund are excellent to date. May this be a reminder to those who "put off till tomorrow what they should have done yesterday." A final report will be made in the next issue. Perhaps we will exceed our 1997 percentage (60%) of contributors. Incidentally the Class gave almost \$45,000 to the Alumni Fund in 1997. Please do not let your generosity in the Memorial to Joe reduce your usual generosity to Alma Mater. • **John Kelley**, currently Dean Emeritus at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and I were high school classmates. His lovely wife, Ellen, was our class valedictorian. She died Feb. 27, 1997 in the 45th year of their marriage. Please remember her in your prayers. • Also, please pray for the soul of Mary Elizabeth Doyle, late wife of **John Rusty Doyle**. She died Nov. 28, 1997 after a long illness. Both Ellen and Mary Elizabeth were remembered at our annual Memorial Mass. • **Dave O'Keefe** underwent a second replacement of his left hip last Aug. His hospitalization was prolonged due to an infection in the leg. Dave hopes to resume his usual loyal attendance at Class functions. • **Connie Pappas**, also known as Conrad Jameson, is enjoying his 56th year on radio, currently as a freelancer. He is also active on the stage and TV. Some of Connie's poems were read by Poet Laureate Lawrence Homer at the annual Veterans Day remembrance in New York last Nov. His works are published under what appears to be a

trade name of SOUNDings. Connie expects to wrap up his PhD shortly. He continues to amaze. • I write this with tears in my eyes and sorrow in my heart. **Jim Cahalane** underwent serious surgery Dec. 29, 1997. On Jan. 2, he was reunited with his lovely wife, Julie, whom he had buried in Jan. '95. The sword of sorrow that pierced his children's and grandchildren's hearts also pierced mine, but to a slightly lesser degree. Jim was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a loyal son of Boston College. He was a true friend. I shall miss him. May he rest in peace. Please remember him in your prayers. He too was remembered at our annual Memorial Mass. • I cannot end this column on a sad note. Congratulations to **Jerry Joyce** on the election of his son, Brian, to the State Senate. Thanks, in part, to the hard work and guidance of his father, Brian defeated several very formidable candidates in the primary election. He went on to win the general election by a three-to-one margin. May he have continued success. • Congratulations also to the newly elected Alumni Officers. • After some 30-plus years of hard work, dedication, problems and long hours, John Wissler has decided to retire. John is responsible for raising the respect of the Alumni Association to an enviable level among most colleges and universities. Hopefully his retirement will be all that he wants it to be, and he will continue to attend most alumni functions.

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With some sadness we must begin our column with condolences; first to Lorraine and the family of **Jim J Connolly** who died on Cape Cod Dec. 19. Jim was one of the original Newbury Street boys, a Marine Corps veteran and long-time NE Telephone employee. • Condolences also to Yvonne and the family of **Fred Naumetz** who died after a long illness Jan. 2 in Thousand Oaks, CA. Fred was a Navy vet and probably best remembered for jarring tackles which could be heard in the last row of old Alumni Stadium. • Now, some items gathered from dues notices: Congratulations to **Charlie Watson** who was the first dues paying member for '98. Charlie had a

tough year as a result of a hip fracture and a very slow recovery. • Had a nice note from **Fr. Gene McKenna** who cannot make our June reunion, but wants to be remembered to all. • Something for our '43 duffers to look forward to: bragging rights for a hole-in-one. **Dr. Jack Manning** made his June 10 while **Herman Vorel** made his "150 yards over open water, in the hole" at the Tara Hyannis course July 29. His feat is promoted by a fancy plaque on his mantle. Herman also spent 11 days in Ireland in Oct., and was very impressed with the Irish economy. • **Dr. George O'Hara** says he is now retired and enjoying the good life. • Ann Kelly reports that husband **Dr. John Kelly** is now recuperating in Sarasota, FL following open heart surgery in Jan. • From Somerville, **Jack Hayes** is looking forward to our June reunion, ready to lend a hand. • As usual, our faithful golf expert, **Jim Harvey**, is doing the ground work for our golf day at Wayland C.C. on June 1. Full report of results in next column. • **Bob Butler** writes from Siesta Key, FL that he hopes he and Janet will be able to make the reunion. • One of those Florida tornadoes in Nov. forced **Jim Dunn** to relocate; he hopes to spend some time in Naples before he heads north to join the '43 activities. • **Dr. Dave Folan** tells us that Dot is recovering from a fractured knee cap, and he has entered a new world of housecleaning and cooking. • In a recent issue of *The Pilot*, our own **Fr. Jim O'Donohoe** writes a fine article on dealing with death. • We would like to express our thanks on behalf of the Class to those widows who were so gracious in payment of Class dues: Dorothy Hoar, Margaret King, Maureen Myer, Mary Schoenfeld, Betty Grimes, Patricia Crowley and Kay Dever. Special thanks to those who were extra generous in their own dues payment: Taylor Ahern, George Bray, Larry Babine, John Bellissimo, Bob Butler, Sam Church, Ed Callahan, Al Donovan, John Foyne, Joe Finnegan, Jim Harvey, Mike Holovak, Tom Kennedy, Frank Lind, John Logue, Tom Meehan, Joe O'Neil, Bob O'Meara, Bill Shea, Al Sutkus, John Stewart, Herman Vorel and Charlie Watson. • Since this column is being written in Florida very early in March, we cannot report on 55th year reunion activities, but a full report will be forthcoming in our next column. • Last but not least, your prayers are requested for the speedy recovery of **Ernie Santosusso** who suffered a mild stroke in late Jan. Ernie had



been a vital cog in arrangements for our June reunion; his assistance will be sorely missed. • We look forward to hearing from you.

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At this writing in Feb., most of us who remained up north were thankful for the rain and mostly mild winter. We have a few bits of information which might be of interest. We would still like to hear from those who have not made the news lately, especially those from "Far-Away-Places." • **Col. Frank Doherty** still winters in Acton; he needs to finish an ell and room to complete his Granite Pool, ME summer home. He has recovered from some Dec. medical problems and was looking forward to visiting two of his children at Heber City, Utah. In the summer, Frank uses his 22-ft. motor boat quite often. Frank has nine children and nine grandchildren. • **Dr. John Duggan** of Worcester has pretty much retired from his pediatric practice, although he is the resident physician for the Nazareth Home and Holy Cross College. He is also professor emeritus in pediatrics at UMass Medical Center, is on the board of the Notre Dame Long Care facility and the Worcester Horticultural Society, and is the class Fides agent. John and his wife, Kay, have five children and 13 grandchildren. • Although somewhat late, we discovered that **Joe Delaney** and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 16 with a Mass at BC and reception given by their three children. Congratulations! They have 10 grandchildren. • The sympathy of the Class is extended to the family of **Paul J. Micali** of S. Yarmouth who died Feb. 5 after a lingering illness. Paul had four years Navy service in World War II, and two years during the Korean Conflict from '51 to '53. He was discharged as a Lt. Commander. He then worked 35 years in pharmaceutical sales and management, and prior to purchasing the Lacy Institute, he was director of sales and advertising for the Schering Corp. Paul was a noted public speaker and produced three films and many videocassettes on sales and marketing. In addition, he played the violin with the Cape Cod Symphony. He and his wife, Doris, also published the program

books for the Symphony, the Chatham Chorale, The Cape and Islands Chamber Music Festival and the Cape Cod Conservatory Showcase. He was a member of many sales and marketing associations and the recipient of many awards. Paul and Doris were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Oct. '94 prior to her death. Paul leaves a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. • Our sympathy also to the family of SOM graduate **James T. Cotter** of Tampa, FL who died Feb. 5 after a lingering illness. Jim was born and raised in Everett. After becoming a CPA, Jim was affiliated with Haskins & Sells, Raytheon and TWA Airlines. During his tenure with TWA, he and his family lived in Paris, France. He also worked for several smaller firms as a financial advisor. He leaves his wife, Margaret; two sons, a daughter, two sisters and four grandchildren. • 1999=55 years!

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The sympathy of the Class is extended to Eve and **Dave Carey** on the sudden loss of their son, Peter, last Jan. in Florida. • **Bob Dallas, Jr.** passed away Jan. 8 in Burlington. Bob was born in Boston and attended the Wharton School after BC and a stint in the Army. After teaching at BU, Northeastern and Babson College in the '40s, he established the Dallas Insurance Agency. He leaves his wife, Louise C. (Moll); three daughters, Christine Gennaro and Corinne Burns, both of Chelmsford, and Ann of Arlington; a son, Robert Jr. of Newton; a brother, J. Paul of Mashpee; a sister, Barbara Grady of Marco Island, FL; and seven grandchildren. I am also reporting on the death of Paul Micali '44 on Feb. 5, even though he was not in our class. However, many of us in the V-12 program at Brown Univ. remember him very well. After the Navy, Paul went to work for Schering Corp. and later owned the Lacy Institute, a sales training company. The Class extends its sympathy to both the Dallas and Micali families on their loss. • We had another great hockey dinner event Jan 16. The food, as usual, was very good—as was the 6-0 game which BC won over Providence. Our hockey team has come a long way since Jerry York took over.

Jerry continues to do well in the recruiting area, getting some of the top players in the state. In attendance that night with their spouses were John Campbell, Dave Hern, Jack Kineavy, Ernie Graustein, Leo McGrath, Jack McCarthy, Tom Colbert, Doug MacGillveray and Joe Larivee. • The football event chaired by **Bill Hamrock** was another successful event, despite the change in time for the game. It was originally scheduled for noon, but was switched to 3:30 pm. It was a great game, with BC winning a very close one over Pittsburgh. Of course the usual classmates were there with spouses: Bill Hamrock, Tom Loftus, Ed Burns, Dave Hern, Ernie Graustein, Jack Kineavy, Tom Colbert, Jack Curry, John Hogan, Joe Devlin and John Campbell. • **John Campbell**, our treasurer, reports that 57 classmates have sent in their dues. This puts the treasury in good shape and helps us support our mailing, flowers and other class events. There is still time to send in your dues of \$25 if you have not already done so. I thank all of you who continue to support your Class every year. • On the medical side, **Paul Ryder** broke his toe but is still playing golf on one foot. • The BC Club in Boston officially opened Feb. 9. This is truly a gorgeous club and one you will be very proud of. The view from the 36th floor of the BankBoston building is unbelievable; on a clear day you can see the towers on the Heights. If you would like to join the club, you can arrange a tour of the facility by calling Stacey Smith at 617-946-2828. Stacey can answer any questions you may have relative to the club, and of course I am also at your disposal. • By the time you read these notes, John Wissler will have retired. John has a fantastic memory and once he meets you, he never forgets your name. He is an outstanding manager and has a knack of picking great people for his office. He will be sorely missed by all of us in the Class of '45. Our congratulations to John and his wife, Jeanne; we hope they have a wonderful retirement doing what they want to do, when they want to do it. • Watch for news about Pops at the Heights. This will take place again in Sept. I suggest you buy tickets as soon as the date is announced because they sell out quickly. • One closing note, **John Greenler, MD** has officially retired. His children gave a big retirement party for him; he is now an English-as-a-Second-Language tutor at St. Joseph School in Lynn.

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Little to report at this time, one bright note and one sad note. **Father Bob Boyle** retired after 46 years as a diocesan priest. He recently retired as pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Acton. He was the subject of a very flattering article in the *Boston Globe* at Christmas time. He is now residing at Regina Cleri in Boston. • The sad note is to report the death of **Peter Oberto** in Feb. He died at his winter home in Florida.

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**REUNION**  
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Various classmates have been reporting in since the Class of 1948 sent out a form requesting information and your special preferences regarding our up-coming 50th anniversary observances. For these replies, we thank you, and urge all who have not yet replied to do so as promptly as possible. • **Morris Breslouf** writes in from Acton that he is a widower and would like to be involved with the 50th. • **Henry Burke** from Garden City, Long Island says he is looking forward to being with us for Reunion Weekend in May. Henry still travels extensively on business. • **Frank Donelan**, living in Scituate, is anticipating joining the Class in May. • **Joe Donohue**, living in Centerville but spending most of the winter in Florida, writes he will definitely be back for the May events. • **Bill Hamrock** has moved up from McLean, VA to Kennebunkport, ME. He sends his greetings to his classmates and hopes to be with us if time and circumstances permit. Bill is a patent attorney. • Lorraine and **John Riley** have reported in from Huntington Beach, CA that they will be with us for the 50th. • **Fr. Augie**



**Loscocco**, pastor of St. Lucy's in Methuen, informs us that he is on his way to a retreat in the Holy Land. We can count on Augie's appearance in May. • **Bob Marshall**, hailing from Canton, sends his compliments to the Class anniversary committee for their efforts. He hopes to be with us for the festivities. • **Paul Wilkas** and his wife, living in Boston, wrote in a suggestion for an affair at the new BC McMullen Museum of Art: possibly a ballroom dance? • Mrs. Thomas Eden has informed us of the death of her husband, **Thomas Eden**, who passed away Sept. 29. • By the time you receive this communication in the June issue, our 50th anniversary of graduation will have been completed. We hope to see you all during those precious days!

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First of all, my concern goes out to **Wally Burgess**, who wrote to us from Guam recently about his survival of several earthquakes over the years. Now comes the news of the highest recorded wind gusts ever—236 miles per hour—on the island last Dec. Hopefully, all is well and Wally and his family are in good health. When I think back on the great oratory skills of certain classmates during our college days, I am certain we could survive wind gusts far beyond the 236 MPH limit. (No names, please.) • Yet another luncheon was held by the Class as we move into 1998, getting ever so close to that magic year, 1999. On Nov. 13, 1997, on the Newton campus, 33 classmates, spouses, widows, et. al., gathered at noontime. President **John McQuillan** introduced Debra Ashton, Director of Gift and Estate Planning, who explained the living trusts and tax advantage plans available to us as we contemplate our Class gift for spring '99. In attendance were: Dr. Vincent Nuccio, Jim Whelton, MD, John Carney, Esq., Joe Dowd, MD, Al Hanwell, Ed Murphy, Ernie Ciampa, Jim Galvin, John Hickey, John Driscoll, Pat Leonard, Bob Curran, Walter McGauley, Rev. Paul McCarty, Bob Kelleher, MD, Frances Brunelle Hogan, and Dot Harney. • Met **Sahag** at a basketball game recently; he is anxious to get going on the Class anniversary yearbook. Outside

of **Charlie Brennan**, we don't have any volunteers to help gather and produce this very important part of our 50th year. Sahag hopes to get started in late spring when he returns from Florida. If you want to help, call **John McQuillan** at 617-444-1961. • Speaking of Florida, this column is closing down early (it is now early Jan., and I will be gone shortly to Amelia Island). Please notice I go as far away from the wild BC '49 crowd in Naples as I possibly can. Ergo, the Class notes will be limited this go round. • Reports from **Peter Rogerson** (now in Bermuda for the holiday) are positive on the Class cruise scheduled for May 3-10. We have a good number signed on, and it promises to be a gala affair. • It seems that every report I have done has included the names of recently departed classmates. This issue, unfortunately, is the same. **Thomas J. Connors** '49, GA&S '50 of S. Hamilton passed away June 16, 1997; and **Francis J. Larussa**, '49, GA&S '51 of S. Boston died April 10, 1997. I remember Francis as continually upbeat with an infectious smile and warm personality. Our prayers go out to the Connors and Larussa families.

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It has been decided that the 1998 Class football event will be around the Oct. BC-Syracuse game. A letter will go out with details in late summer. • **James J. Boyle** passed away May 20 in Arlington. A native of Cambridge, I remember him as a member of the high school track team in 1940, performing with them in the Rindge gym and on the outdoor track on Cambridge Street. He worked for many years as a personnel officer for Raytheon Co. and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was a Army platoon sergeant in the 104th Infantry Division in World War II. He was captured by the Germans in the Netherlands, and spent the rest of the war as a P.O.W. He was decorated with the US Combat Infantryman's badge and the US Bronze Star with V for valor and an oak-leaf cluster. He leaves his wife, Eleanor; three sons, Gerald J. '71 of Plymouth, NH, Brian J. '75 of Atkinson, NH and James G. of Winchester; and a daughter, Gina Kelly of Greenwich, CT. • **Cornelius W.**

**Phillips, Jr.** died Oct. 29. He was chairman of the board of Phillips Insurance Co. in Chicopee, which he founded in 1953. He participated in national and state politics, and was a delegate to the 1960 Democratic Convention for John F. Kennedy. Neil was twice appointed by Gov. Foster Furcolo as chairman of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. His first appointment in 1961 at the age of 34 made him the youngest person ever to hold the position. He was former chairman of the Springfield Democratic Committee, and served city chairman of public works for 27 years. Neil was also active with the Catholic Diocese of Springfield and served on the Diocesan School Board. He leaves his wife, Mary, six sons and two daughters. • **Gerald F. Gallagher** died Dec. 6 in Medfield. He leaves his wife, Patrina; and two daughters, Jo-Ann Kunz of Medfield and Karin Nyren of Nashua, NH. • **Charles M. Sullivan** passed away Dec. 3 in Bangor, ME. He was a former mayor of Bangor, and past recipient of the Alumni Association's Award of Excellence for Public Service, which he received with his wife, Mary GA&S '51. Along with Mary, he leaves six children, two of whom, Charlie, Jr. and Ursula, are BC grads. Mary sent a touching letter to the Alumni Office, along with an eloquent reflection Charlie wrote several days before his death; this reflection was read at his funeral by his son, Mark. • **Edward B. Flaherty** passed away Jan. 7 in Portland, OR. He leaves his wife, Josephine. • I wish to extend to the families of all these classmates our heartfelt sympathy. • I spent the last two weeks of Jan. in Portugal. When I landed at the airport in St. Michael, Azores and saw bamboo trees growing, I knew there would be no snow. The nine islands are all in the Gulfstream. They were discovered in 1438 by Prince Henry, the navigator. Six years later in 1444, he returned with settlers and animals. Thus, began the beginning of over 500 years of colonization. • Have a nice summer.

## 50N - 53N REUNION

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As you know by now, the Classes of '50, '51, '52 and '53 are planning a

cluster reunion in the year 2000. In anticipation of that great event, let us begin to renew friendships by sharing news of each other. I have already received a few letters for which I am most grateful. I shall pass on that news and hopefully more in the next issue. If you have not written, use the envelope sent to you recently and write me about your life. • Clear your calendars for the cluster reunion in May 2000!

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We're still hoping to hear from some of our long lost classmates as to where they are and what they're doing as we draw closer to our 50th in 2001. As I mentioned in an earlier issue, a group of us headed by **John Bacon**, along with Jack Casey, Jim Derba, Bob Corcoran, Tim Guinee, Pat Roche, Mo Downey and yours truly, are beginning the organization of what we hope will be a well-attended and successful anniversary celebration. Please get in touch if you have any suggestions and/or are willing to help. • I recently heard from **George Port**, who is living in Somers, NY and recently retired from a long and successful career in education management, most recently as the superintendent of schools for Westchester County, NY. George and his wife, Ann, have been married 44 years, and are the proud parents of five daughters and a son. George continues to be active as a consultant. • Since the last issue, we've been advised that **William P. Farrell** passed away Nov. 10, 1997. Bill was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and was a retired personnel manager for the US Government. • **Gerald F. Jerry Faherty** of Brockton passed away October 31, 1997. Jerry was a long-time teacher in the Brockton school system and was a former president of the Brockton Teachers' Association. May they both rest in peace. • I have to submit these notes three months in advance of their publication. This means that some of the news is a little stale by the time you read it. However, some news is better than no news, so please drop a line or give a call. Thanks!



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Recent notes indicate the Class is scattered coast to coast. Living on the Cape are Joe Smith, Bill Fandel, Paul Woods, Bill Costello, Dave Good, Dan McFeeley, Tom O'Keefe, Pat Clancy, Dick McCabe, George Gallant, James Moroney, Father Paul Rynne, Leonard Cleary, Paul Smith, Paul Clinton, Joe McKenney, Ed Gallivan, Dick Tilley and Bernie Cullen. • Spending time in Florida and the Cape are Jim Mulrooney and Al Sexton, who have been ushering at the Red Sox games during spring training; Dave Fitzpatrick, Dick Ring and Dick McLaughlin. • Full-time Floridians include Bob Doherty, Frank O'Leary, Dick Shuman, Al Arsenault, Tom Middleton, Dick O'Connor, Dick Mayo, Dr. Rene Cote, Nick Loscocco, Paul Donovan, and Viera and Charlie Sherman. • **Jim Leonard** and **Fr. Paul Rynne** took a trip to the Southeast Pacific and visited Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong, among other countries. • Those opting for ski country in New Hampshire are Bill Doherty, Al Casassa, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Jack Leary, Tom Murphy, Arthur Farley and Tim Ring. • Also heard from Jeri (Mrs. Frank) Hennessy in Ludlow, VT, and **Barbara Cassidy**, Bangor, ME. • From California, we heard from **Larry Whelan**, **Eric Johnson** and **Tim Thornton**. • Virginia is the home of **Ken Flynn**, **Bob Gaughan**, **Ed O'Connor** and **Bob Suleski**—who is enjoying his grandchildren and spoiling them rotten. • **Dana Doherty** and **Jim Nichols** are both in Minnesota; **John Ricci** is in Wisconsin. • In the Midwest, we heard from **Dave Sullivan** and **Tim O'Connell** in Ohio, **Bill Walsh**, Illinois, and **Jim Stapleton**, Indiana. • **Bernard Decker** said "hello" from AZ, and **Tom O'Connell** from GA. • **Paul Reardon**, Trenton, NJ, winters in Florida and hoped to see everyone in Naples in March. • Delewarrians include **Hugh Donaghue** and **Bob Shea**; in Maryland are **Joe Cunningham** and **George Cyr**. • **Larry Vachon** and **Frank Hogan** are in Penn. • From New York, we heard from **John Kastberg**, **Joe Chisholm**, **Jack Donovan**, who went on a cruise on the Rhine recently with the Alumni Association; and **Gene Clark**, whose

son, EJ, excelled in football and played for Washington and Lee. • The Connecticut contingent includes Stasia and **Dick Bishop**, **Paul McPherson** and **Mary Conneely**, who is now retired. • **Joe Carr** sent regards from Rhode Island. • Miltonians include **Fred Tarpey**, **Will Hynes**, **Paul Stanton**, **Bill Heavey** and **Frank McDermott**. • **Frank Dooley**, Wollaston, met **Tom Plunket** in Dingle County, Kerry in Ireland a few months ago. • **Frank Vaughn** has eleven grandchildren, but has a way to go to catch **Charlie Hanafin's** 38 (with three more coming). • **Bill Gauthier** is trying to arrange a tour through the Springfield Treatment Plant, but Roger has told him to hold off until we get a final count. • We heard from **Fran Duggan** and **Frank O'Brien**, Roslindale, and **John Kennedy**, W. Roxbury. • North Shore friends Bob Allen, Hugh Doyle, Jim Callahan, Joe Sheehan, Murray Viehl, Bill Doyle, Mary McLaughlin and Dick Bangs sent regards. Bill Curtin, Mike McCarthy, Paul Flynn, Jerry Dacey, Carl Emilson, Mary Lovett, Rev. Peter Martocchio, Dan McElaney, Marianna (Mrs. George) Burke, Edward Bilwin, Frank Sullivan, Sheila (Mrs. Richard) Stanton and Anthony Vignone said "hello" from south of Boston. • It was good to hear from Dave Murphy, Joe Shay, Dr. John Sayers, Bob Trimper, Enio DiPietro, Henry Gailianas, Joe Muscato, Dr. Art Powell, Steve Casey, Mary Hanley, John Irwin, Jim Kenneally, Jack Monahan, Charlie Haney, Ellen (Mrs. Robert) Lavin and John Paul Sullivan. • **Father Hugh O'Regan** says "thank you" to all who remembered his 40th. • **Father Bob McAuliffe** has retired and has time now to travel; recent trips include Ireland and the Holy Land. • Other faithful '52 followers include Henry Keefe, Tom McElroy, Joe Fagan, Tom Megan, Paul Nolan, Gene McMorro, Bob Shannon, Betty (Mrs. James) Lawton, Father Henry Jennings, Father Tom Murray, Bill Newell, Addie Powers, Joe Ottaviano, Larry W. Sullivan, Pat Chard O'Neil, Ed Goulart and Ann Preston. • **Dick Driscoll** had the distinction of living closest to campus, but **Father John McIntyre** now has that honor since he returned to St. Mary's Hall. • Attending the Feb. Touchdown Club Dinner were Gene McMorro, Tom McElroy, Bob Quinn, Frank Dooley, Roger Connor, Bill Newell, Art Powell, Father Hugh O'Regan and Dick Driscoll. • Received a letter from **Eileen Bradshaw** in Monterey, CA,

who's interested in getting together with BCers in her area. Please contact her or me with info. • **Ed Sheehan** has just published an extraordinary novel, *Cardinal Galsworthy*.

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# REUNION

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After writing the last column and speaking to some of our classmates and other alumni, one of the most interesting topics was my mentioning the submarine races at the Reservoir. As I explained to those inquirers, they were held during the Korean War period and were classified "top secret." So, we were never able then, or to this day, to discuss the events other than "submarine races"—maybe someday! • Continuing down memory lane, remember how Dave Egan of the *Herald Traveler* hated BC? Remember how BC was the favorite school of the *Boston Post*? Remember how we used to wait for *The Heights* every week for the real news?! Remember the pep rallies and bonfires the night before the Cross game? Remember when the majority of teachers were Jesuit—and they all wore barettas and habits, all the time? And finally, remember when beers were a dime? What a great time you could have for a buck! Memories are a wonderful gift—we never forget them. • I received a package of information from Edmund V. Iarrobino, now known as **Brother Joseph Iarrobino, O.S.B.** (Order of St. Benedict). Brother Joseph is at Saint Andrew's Abbey, 31001 N. Valyermo, CA 93563-0040. He is involved in building a youth and retreat center at the Abbey, and solicits financial assistance and prayers from his classmates for the center's successful completion. Communications to Brother Joseph can be made at the above mentioned address. • **Jim McDonald** wrote me a nice note of his 20-year career in federal service, during which he, as the General Service Administration contracting officer in NYC, was associated with the restoration of the "old" NYC Custom House, the NYC Home of the Museum of the American Indian, plus many other restorations of historical buildings too numerous to mention. Jim tells me that he's also hanging up his mountain climbing shoes, boots and ice axe that he

used in mountain climbing all over the world. Jim has two daughters and a granddaughter. He is living at 29 Charles Street, New York, NY 10014. • It is with sadness that I report the loss of **Ed Ryan** of Scituate. Ed was former town counsel of Norwell and Scituate. Ed leaves his wife, Ann, a son, five daughters and two grandchildren. Ed and his family, along with the other 76 missing classmates, were prayed for at our anniversary Mass on May 16. At graduation, the Class was 705 strong. As of this writing, there are 629—76 missing. We must always remember and never forget our departed classmates. • By now, Reunion Weekend and our 45th will be a memory. I hope a good memory for everyone.

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Believe it or not, it's only a year away! The Class of 1954 will be celebrating its 45th anniversary! It's not too early to decide that you will make every effort to attend this major reunion with your classmates and old friends. Some of you have had careers far removed from Chestnut Hill; you will be amazed and proud of the progress your school has made. The Class officers are already making plans for your return. • **Bob Sanborn**, who is presently retired, lives on Cape Cod. He served as president of Orion Capitol Corp., as well as VP of American International. There are many things keeping him busy, but twin grandchildren (age 3) are at the top of the list. Bob has three children: his oldest son, Robert, is one of the top portfolio managers in the country; Linda is a consultant at CSC; and Joseph, their youngest son, is in investment banking with JP Morgan. • **John Murtagh**, who made the long commute from the North Shore, has retired. He was a principal in the Peabody school system. Over the years he has been a long-time supporter of BC football. • We have learned that **John Leavitt** has passed away. John served in the Navy during the Korean War, and was a retired administrator and teacher in the Weymouth school system. He leaves his wife, Roberta; two sons and four daughters. • **Frank O'Keefe** died suddenly last Sept. He graduated from BC with a degree in chemistry, and was consid-



ered an expert in chemical foaming agents. After 40 years with Olin Chemical Corp., he formed his own marketing firm. Frank will be remembered for his undeniably Irish sense of humor, his contagious laugh and his fine singing voice. In addition to his wife, Sally, he is survived by three children, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. • **Salvatore DeLuca's** son, Michael '86, passed away. At 27, he was a dedicated Doctor of Chiropractic. In his loving memory, his parents decided to endow a biology professorship, creating the first endowed faculty position in the department through a one million dollar charitable trust. "This chair will have a significant impact on biological research," said William Petri, associate professor of the department. • We are saddened to report the sudden passing of **Bob Babine** back in March. Bob left seven children. There is no question that he was one of the finest hockey players ever to play at BC. He was captain of the '53-'54 team that beat Harvard in the '54 Beanpot championship, in which he was voted most valuable player for the second time. • Back in March, **Ray MacPherson's** wife, June, passed away after a long bout with cancer. She leaves behind two sons, Doug and Glen; two daughters, Anne and Susan; and two grandchildren. • On a happier note, the **Rev. Paul MacDonald**, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Scituate, had been praying for help in founding a Catholic school in the area. His prayers may have been answered with an uncommon commercial delivery from the hand of God: a winning lottery ticket. His purchase of two five dollar scratch tickets resulted in \$20,000 winnings. This will help the evaluation process. • **John Curtin** has been appointed chairman of the Board of Governors for the new BC Club in downtown Boston. Located in the heart of the Financial District, it is one of the finest clubs of its kind in the country.

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**Sally Walsh Logan** changed her venue from the stage to the small screen recently. Many of you remember Sally's excellent performances for the Dramatics Society

when we were students. She was interviewed by Paula Lyons of WBZ-TV about her role as a school nurse in the City of Boston, and was also filmed as she interacted with students. • Christmas newsletters are always welcome, and serve to give me some news for this column (which was submitted in March). **Barbara Winklehofer Wright** sent word that she has been re-elected to her fourth term in the NJ General Assembly. She and Walt are the proud grandparents of a new grandson. Daughter, Maire, and her husband, Scott, returned from Russia with him during the Christmas season. • **Marguerite Blais Dannemiller** is busily arranging a reunion of our nursing classmates to be held in Texas this spring. I shall report on the news from that in the next column. Wish I could be there in person to gather the news. • Several classmates and their wives have escaped the New England winter and are traveling as I type. The travelers and their destinations are **Jerry Donahoe**, **Art McCarthy** and **Jeff Hayden**, who have all gone to various parts of Florida; **Dick Renahan** is in St. Maarten; and **Paul Croke** is in Europe. • Lent has just started as I try to gather my thoughts to find the words with which to express my sympathy to those of the Class or Class family who have parted with a loved one since I last wrote. Even though our parents are advanced in age, this fact does not decrease our loneliness. **John Vozzella** knows this special loneliness, because of the death of his mother. **John Meaney**, a retired attorney for the Raytheon Co., died in Dec. His wife, Margaret, and the rest of his family are in our prayers as well. • Little did I realize when I received a phone call from **Barry Noonan** in the early days of '98 that I would not be able to fulfill his request for a Class get together, preferably at a theater/dinner type gathering. Barry died suddenly in Connecticut. I know you join me in sending sympathy to his wife, Mary, and their children, as well as to **Tom Driscoll** and his wife, Carol, Barry's sister. Just think what a wonderful celebration will go on in heaven this Easter as they join classmates, family members and friends for theirs and Christ's resurrection.

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On New Year's Eve in California, George and **Joan Carroll Donovan** happily pinned the insignia of a US Army lieutenant colonel on their daughter, Denise, in a ceremony conducted via speaker phone by her commanding officer. The ceremony was on Joan's birthday (age? My six sisters trained me: don't ask; don't tell!) during their first family reunion in 14 years. Denise is now stationed as a security assistant to the US Embassy in Ukraine (don't say The Ukraine; that implies Russian domination). • That news came from **Carolyn Kenney Foley**, whose daughter was in school with Denise. Carolyn and Dan were to receive the John Griffin award for outstanding volunteer work from the Development Office at the annual Volunteer Tribute Dinner on May 1. • We've mentioned the Reagle Players of Waltham, a drama group founded 25 years ago and still directed by our classmate, **Bob Eagle**. In March, 36 classmates enjoyed their annual musical revue, *Remembering the '40s*, after a buffet dinner at Alumni House in Newton. Bob came out to a greeting of hugs and handshakes from School of Education friends after the show. Among others, there were **Kathleen Donovan Goudie**; **Betty Craven Bulman**, who brought her sister; **Fran Budd**, and her daughter, Jackie, a Boston policewoman working with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (to keep us in line or protect us?); **Connie Regolino**, **Betty Casey** and **Carol Gleason**. Bea and **Peter Colleary** were there also, along with **Margaret Murphy** and **Charlie and Jean Riley Roche**. If you happen to be in this area during the summer, try to catch one of Bob's musicals. He imports Broadway actors for the lead roles and backs them up with a cast of sterling local talent. • At the dinner, Marie and I sat with **Mert and Denise McCabe Thompson**, **Dick and Louise Burke Toland** and **Marge Callahan**. Louise and Marge said that **Elaine Evans Bresnahan** and her husband, whom they visited last year, have sold their home in Arizona and are building a new one. We also saw Judy and **Charlie Laverty**, Maire and **Jim McLaughlin**, and Mary Lou and **Bob Caffrey** (who corrected my item in last month—**Bob Comiskey** drove him to find

his car after the football game), and **Ernestine Bolduc**. Lucille and **Jack Kennedy** had to cancel due to a family emergency; however, Jack donated a BC throw, featuring images of some of the campus buildings, which was won by **Jerry Sullivan**. • **Tony and Marge Callahan Cammarota** sent an update from Rockville, MD, via Alumni Association e-mail. Tony retired from the US Bureau of Mines 2 1/2 years ago, just before Congress abolished it. He's now a part-time advertising manager, a volunteer with the Montgomery County government, officer of the Knights of Columbus, enjoying cruises and, recently, a two-week Elderhostel stay in Italy and Sicily, and other retirement activities. Marge retired from teaching in the Montgomery County public schools to join him. • As mentioned earlier, Marie and I have been leading a current events course for the spring semester at the BC Institute for Learning in Retirement. At the first class, we had sad news from **Carol Connell**, who told me that her husband, Brendan Connell of Natick, died last Aug. after a long illness. Besides his wife, Brendan leaves five children. Also, **John Keating** of Downingtown, PA, has lost his brother, James '83. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. • If you have news of the illness or death of other classmates, please notify me at the address or telephone above and I will relay it to the Class committee so that a card can be sent to the family. Please note the area code change to 781. • If you are on the Internet, you can send news via e-mail to the Alumni Association from [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni) and they will forward it to me.

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Summer is here in all its glory as we all look forward to the great outdoors with family and friends. Our double Eagle classmates enjoyed their 45th Reunion from BC High Fri., May 1. Rev. **Joseph R. Fahey**,



SJ, president of BC High, hosted a most memorable event. • **Patrick F. Cadigan** dropped me a note and writes all is well with he and his family in Newport Beach, CA. Wife, Tandra, is a gynecologist and serves on the board of the Neiman Marcus retail group. • **Paul E. Dalbec, PhD** has been professor emeritus of physics at Youngstown State Univ. since July '96; he continues to teach on a part-time basis. Paul taught full time for 28 years at YSU after teaching at American Univ. in Washington, DC while earning his PhD in solid state physics at Georgetown Univ. He also has been involved in recent years with the regional French-American organization, Le Circle Francis de Northeastern Ohio et Western PA. He is presently serving as secretary of the organization and editor of its monthly newsletter. • **Dick Dowling** and his wife, Peggy, are new arrivals (as of late last fall) to Dennis on the Cape. I ran into them both doing some Christmas shopping mid-Dec. Dick is now retired and can't wait to herald in his first summer here on the peninsula of fun and leisure. • **Neil A. Fitzgerald** is fit as a fiddle after major surgery late last year. Neil and his wife, Linda, were spotted skiing on the slopes of the Dartmouth/ Hanover NH ski area in early Feb. • **Thomas J. Flahive** of Norwood took early retirement after spending over 25 years in fleet management. Tom spent 23 years with Factory Mutual Engineering and Research Corp. Under his direction, Factory Mutual was winner of the Liberty Mutual Gold Safety award for three consecutive years. He also served as vice-chairman of the New England Chapter of the National Association of Fleet Administrators and on the National Board of Governors. Tom is married, the father of six children and grandfather of 12. • **William C. MacKenzie** is a residential mortgage specialist with Cape Cod Bank & Trust Co. and lives in S. Yarmouth on the Cape. • **G. Paul McNulty's** daughter, Laura, had her first child, Kelly Anne Kennedy, last Nov. Mother and daughter are doing well and live in Cape Elizabeth, ME. This latest arrival is Paul and Pat's sixth grandchild. • **Leo J. Morrissey** was the recent recipient of the '98 Por Christo Award at their annual banquet in Jan. in Boston. Leo is former president of Por Christo and currently serves on their board of directors. • **Henry J. Smith** continues to improve after major surgery in Jan.; he was able to manage some vacation time with his wife, Jeanette, in sunny Naples, FL in Feb. and March.

• The winter '98 edition of *Alumni News* had a front page article entitled *Farewell to the Chief*, announcing **John F. Wissler's** scheduled retirement for late this June. John has been the Alumni Association Executive Director for more than 30 years. Over the years, John saw a small alumni entity grow into the largest alumni body of any Catholic university in the world. He has led the Association through reorganization in changing times, worked with 31 elected alumni presidents and boards, and four college presidents. In 1990, he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Carroll Graduate School of Management. John, over the years, has also been very active in the Council of Alumni Association Executives, a member of the American Society of Association Executives, in which he earned the designation of Certified Executive, and past chair of the New England Council of Association Executives. I could go on and on to tell you more about John's past accomplishments, but his professional track record as a manager speaks for itself. On behalf of the Class, we wish him and his wife, Jeanne, much good health, happiness and God-speed. "Fair Winds and Following Seas," my longtime good friend and confidant. • The Class extends its sincere sympathy to the family of **John P. Coyne** who passed away Jan. 8 in West Roxbury. Jack was a very loyal classmate over the years. He was a retired professor from Middlesex Community College. May he rest in peace. • Again, a gentle reminder to send your Class dues if you have not already done so. Please remit \$25 to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. Thanks. • I need more notes. Tell us what you're up to. The well of creativity is running dry.

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MA Appeals Court Chief Justice **Joe Warner** was recently elected to the

executive committee of the Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal. As a member of the executive committee, Joe will be responsible for the Council's annual education program and for special projects, including appellate time standards. Joe has been a member of the Council since '90. Prior to his judicial appointment, Joe was an associate and partner from '62-'63 at the Boston law firm of Hemenway and Barnes. He also served as a law clerk to Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Arthur Whitemore from '61-'62. Joe is a resident of Dedham and a graduate of BC Law School. • **Jim Murphy**, Cape Cod novelist and creative writing professor at Mass. Maritime Academy and BC, sent me an interesting article from the Living/Arts section of the *Boston Globe* about his son, Ted. Ted Murphy '93 is a "chip off the old block." He recently sold his 4th book, *The Secrets of Pilgrim Pond*. The four are the first installments in Ted's series aimed at 10 to 14 year-olds, called the Belltown Mysteries. They are published by Silver Burdett Press, a division of Simon & Schuster. Jim and Ted are beginning their first joint project: turning Jim's novel, *The Mill*, into a screenplay. Jim has published four novels, the first, *Quonset*, in '78. Currently, he is working on two books: one is an epic tale of Irish history; the other, a spy novel set in 1955 and 1996, concerns a CIA agent who calls in his son to take over for him. Such a coincidence! • Condolences of the Class go out to **Dottie Sollitto Hiltz** and her family on the passing of her husband, Jack, from pancreatic cancer. Jack was like a member of our class—attending meetings, socials and class functions with Dottie. We will miss you, Jack. • **Ed Gilmore** is keeping busy working part-time for Hershey Foods Corp. and traveling. Last month he and Elaine returned from an adventurous European cruise. • **Dr. Mike Grady** is keeping busy with his pediatric practice and commuting from Chestnut Hill to Centerville on the Cape. • **Grace Wilder Green** is a geriatric social worker at the Froedtert Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee. • **Paul Green**, living in my old town of Hingham, is director of marketing and industrial relations for LPC, a Pitney Bowes Co. • **Guy Guarino**, living in Ipswich, practices law in Lincoln. • **Jim Hagan** is president of Dorrette in Pawtucket, RI. • **Ed Hannibal** is VP of Grey Advertising in NY. He and **Jim Murphy** communicate quite a bit. • **Paul Hutter** is VP for Wheaton World Wide

Moving in Indianapolis. • **Jim Hurley**, another Hinghamite, teaches at Boston Tech. HS. • **Tom Kiley** is a buyer for the May Co. in Cleveland. • **Bob Kent**, living in Brockton, is a teacher at Milton HS. • **Joan Downing LaChance** and husband, Roland, are enjoying their retirement from teaching. • **Tony LoPresti** retired as principal of Seymour HS in CT. • **Fred Long** is controller of Middlesex Hospital in Waltham. • **Joe Lundy** is an engineer for 3M in St. Paul, MN. • **John Lyons, DMD** continues to practice dentistry in E. Boston. • **Dennis Maher** is a consultant living in Needham. • The Class donated \$1,000 from dues received to Second Helping on their 10th anniversary. • By the time you read these notes, we will have celebrated our 40th anniversary of graduation from BC. Many tidbits garnered from the conversations at our reunion should be forthcoming in the next issue. Keep up the good work and continue to send your class dues of \$25 to **J. Mucca McDevitt**, 28 Cedar St., Medford, MA 02155. Keep the cards, letters and phone calls coming. I urgently need news from you.

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I was in sunny San Diego for my annual Super Bowl trek on the weekend of Jan 23. **Dr. John Barry McGrath** joined my group for lunch on Saturday in downtown San Diego, and we spent five hours together. Barry looks great, and we had a terrific visit. He lives in Carlsbad, about 30 miles north. He works as a counselor for troubled high school kids. Barry comes back to Worcester once a year to see his mom and brothers. Great to see you, Barry. We talked about teaming up next year in Miami. • Sad news on **Gerry McElaney** who was diagnosed with lung cancer. I spoke with him recently; he is going through chemo and, as usual, has a great attitude. Please say prayers for



Gerry's speedy recovery. • Jane and **Jack Flynn** wrote from Sewanee, TN with their annual Christmas letter. Christmas '96 was spent at daughter Rebecca and husband Alexis' home in Bondoufle, a village south of Paris. Granddaughter, Chloe, is learning three languages at once. In July of '97, Rebecca completed her MBA at Insead School of Fontainebleau, France. This past Nov., the family moved back to the US. They're now in California, where Alexis' company's headquarters are located. Daughter Suzanne was taking a course for the Thunderbird School in the Latin Quarter. She is in her second year of her master's program in international management. Christmas '97 was in Hawaii—we'll get details next year. NB: I would love to be included on a mailing list for anyone who sends out annual Christmas letters. It would be a great help. • Congratulations to John F. Wissler '57, CGSOM '72, Brooklyn Prep '53. John has been executive director of the Alumni Association since '67 and will be retiring at the end of this academic year. What a great job he has done over 30 years of tireless and dedicated work—on behalf of 30,000 alumni when he started, to the now 120,000 alumni, making it the largest alumni body of any Catholic university in the world. John was two years my senior at Brooklyn Prep and BC. In '53, when I was a freshman at the Prep, John was always helpful. Then when I came to BC, John was always there to guide me. After he took over at the Alumni Assoc., he mentioned that the Class of 1959 could use a correspondent. So for some 20 years I have been enjoying keeping up with many of you. Thank you, John, for always being there for me. I wish you and Jeanne the best in your retirement. Whoever fills your shoes has one heck of a tough act to follow.

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Condolences to the family of **Bill Hyland** who died Feb. 13 of cancer.

Bill was regional director of A.G. Edwards Investment firm; he had the region of the northeast which included 1,000 brokers and 40 branch offices. Bill was also a member of the board of directors.

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From New York State comes word from Marilyn and **Al Pellini** that they are extending the family circle with two marriages. With the engagement of son, Michael, to Dr. Jane Adams for an Oct. wedding, it was announced the next day that daughter Lyn would be married in June to Dr. Bennett Dykstra. If it is any consolation to these parents who will be writing checks for so many nuptial activities, there will be plenty of medical attention to treat fainting episodes. • Our Class condolences to the families of **Richard A. Reilly**, who died July 28, and of **Rosalie A. Ventresca**, who died Dec. 18. Rosalie was from the School of Ed. Richard was from SOM; his home was in N. Falmouth and he was owner of the Bristol Travel Agency in Attleboro. • As this went to press, **Dick Glasheen** was looking forward to our 1961 Class Reunion on Sat., April 25. The get-together started with Mass at Trinity Chapel on the BC Law School campus, and was to be followed with dinner in Barat House. This annual event is so important because it represents a time when we can see so many of our classmates again and in one place. None of us needs to be reminded about the number of years already passed. • The Feb. 4 edition of the *Boston Globe* carried the item of **Larry Eisenhower's** unfortunate skiing mishap when he was stopped dead in his tracks by a pair of abandoned skis on the trail. The former defensive end was hospital bound with a broken hip but may not require a hip replacement. He says he has finally bought a computer and can now spend time with it. Good luck to Larry, his hip and his computer. •

Peggy and **Art Ryan** have a new winter home about 20 minutes from Red Sox spring training grounds, and plan to be there when not in residence summer and fall in their Cape Cod "other house." They hope to see classmates who visit the Fort Meyers area. Their phone number is 941-540-3898. • A pre-Christmas note from Patty and **Jack McDonnell** with their Delay Beach, FL return address only served to remind me that retirement years can be golden. An enclosed newspaper clipping from Pompano Beach showed the Annual Boat Parade complete with Santa Claus, lights and decorations. Approximately 30 BC grads signed up for a three-hour dinner cruise where they could sip drinks along the water route and claim a part of local lore. On board, they spotted **John McMahon**, formerly of Milton, some 36 years after graduation. • As of this writing, **Peggy Ryan Collins** is phone calling for the annual Laetare Sunday Mass on March 22. Each year she has worked to make a successful event, and each year she has been successful in her efforts. Special thanks to her spirit of helping. • As for this writer, long answered prayers were met when No. 3 will be graduated from Villanova U. this May, and my duty to God and man will be complete—even if tuition loans aren't. This is a feeling known best to any parent whose checking account suffered chronic depletion from supporting both offspring and their institutions of higher learning. So with this last payment I tossed in my chips and abandoned a long-standing career. I am questionably pleased to announce that now No. 2 has been accepted at law school and No. 1 has taken his GREs with an eye to Columbia. I have returned to gainful employment, and if I do not become the oldest living alumnus, I certainly will be the oldest working alumnus.

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I apologize for the dearth of news lately. I'm sure the news is out there, but I'm just not getting it. Rather than bemoan the fact that none of us has "time" to either collect the news or send the news, I decided to have a phone-a-thon in late March at

Alumni House. Those that can make it will have a fun evening of pizza and phoning for news from classmates. If we miss you, please feel free to call me anytime (note the new area code). If I am not at home, I'll call you back. As a group, we ought to be able to collect enough to keep me busy with at least a year of news notes. • Talked with **Rosie Hanley Cloran**; she reports a banner year at her ice skating school this year. Rosie's Bay State Ice Skating School trains over 6,000 students a year. *The Boston Globe* did a great photo-story about Rosie and her work with children at the school. Rosie called **Carol McGee Gardenier** in Orlando after the recent terrible tornado damage there. Fortunately, Carol is fine and suffered no damage. Carol has been able to get together with **Alo Coleman Riley**, who winters in Sebastian, FL, and **Tony Dausch Foley**, who lives in Windemere, FL. The southern contingent is fine. • **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** and husband, Gerry, are looking forward to a family wedding in early summer. • **Joan Merrick Egan** and husband, Dick, wintering in Indian Wells, CA, just welcomed their first grandchild into the world on Jan. 7. Joan's son, Mark, and his wife, J, are the happy parents of baby Brendan Richard Egan. • Received a wonderful newsy e-mail from **Missy Clancy Rudman**. *Thank you, Missy!* Missy reported that she heard the sad news that **Mary Sue Flanagan's** mother passed away this past June '97. Missy and husband, Bob, host a mini-Newton reunion every summer at their home on the Cape. This year brought **Mary Nolan Calise** and husband, Tom, and Louie Hoffman and his new bride. Missy's kids are doing well, and she and Tom are enjoying grandchildren, too. Σ **Sally Dow Casey** had a busy time this past fall with a new grandchild and a family wedding. All are doing well. • Please everyone, send me notes, or call anytime. E-mail is fine, too!

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Our condolences to **Jim Twomey** of Belmont on the recent passing of his wife, Betty. • The new BC Club opened with a gala reception on Sat., Feb. 7. Founding members of the Club from the Class attending the opening included Lou Abilheira,



Peter Braun, Bob Capalbo, Paul Deeley, Tom Hagan, Dick Hart, Kevin Leary, Bill Lundregan, Jack MacKinnon, Joyce McDevitt, Paul McNamara, Bob Murray, Paul Norton, Bill Novelline and Jim O'Connor. I was able to spend a few minutes with just about all class members attending. Those with spouses were also accompanied by them. In addition, members of the Class who are also Founding members of the Club include **Conrad Dezego, Frank and Eileen Faggiano, Jim Hooley, Mike Mallowney and Jack Murray**. It was truly a great evening for BC, with the opportunity to meet not only with classmates, but also friends and business associates from many other classes. • Our First Friday Luncheon Program continues, as it has for the last 30+ years. I will purchase an "adult beverage" for the classmate who can identify the date and location of the "first" First Friday Luncheon. Current plans are to have the monthly luncheons at the new Club. All class members are welcome. Call or write to me if you would like to be included on the mailing list. • Please drop me a line on what is taking place in your life. In addition, if you wish to submit your information electronically, you can e-mail me at Alumni House and they will get the information to me. The e-mail address is Alumni.Comments@bc.edu.

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Happy 40th high school reunion year! The New York contingent from my class at Greenwich is gearing up and making great plans for our reunion in April. I think about ten of us went to Newton, so at least I'll have some news for our next Alumnotes. • I have heard from **Judy Bertsch Ritter** that she is still doing home health nursing in the Chicago area. She is also involved in starting a volunteer center in Barrington which is based on the concept of the Points of Light Foundation. For three hours a week, she volunteers at a career center helping people with job transition. Since Bob took early retirement this year, they have been able to do some traveling, which usually includes plenty of time for golf and tennis. She said that since

her twin sister, **Joanna Bertsch Yaukey**, lives only a few towns away, they continue to share their wardrobes! I guess they have to plan their vacations accordingly!! Joanna has one daughter graduating from high school and one from college this year, and her husband plans to take an early retirement. She continues to work in the local elementary school as an assistant librarian and finds time to volunteer for the United Way. It seems that volunteerism was something that was instilled in many of us during those high school and college years. • **Julie McGraw Brown** was visiting here for a couple of days this winter. She is publishing a new book on 19th century industrial fairs and institutions, with chapter on the Boston Public Library. Her last book, *Contesting Images: Photography and the World's Colombian Exposition*, is a marvelous in-depth study of the emergence of photography as a new form of culture and its integral role in the Colombian Exposition. She is waiting to hear about the outcome of grants for a new project. Her son goes to Emerson College in Boston, which gives her the opportunity to revisit familiar sites and friends. • **Ann Tomasello O'Hearn** and her husband, John, joined a group from Boston led by Cardinal Law to visit Cuba during the Pope's visit. Although I did not hear many of the details, Ann said it was a wonderful experience in every way. • **Carolyn Dursi Porteous** has just been made a managing director of Horton International Executive Search Firm in NYC. She and her husband, David, have just sold their house in New Milford, and are now in NYC full time. • After being out of a classroom for 35 years, I am once again exercising my brain in a graduate program at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and really loving it. I am also taking a group of eight women on an adventure trip to Alaska this summer. Having lived there for a year, I'm anxious to share the wonderful people I grew to love and the magnificent beauty of this state. We plan to do some biking, hiking, glacier climbing, kayaking, flying up to the base camp at Mt. McKinley, etc. Five of us went to Sacred Heart schools, so we should have fun. Let's hope we're all in decent shape!! • Please keep in touch. My e-mail address is Makmad@mediaone.net, so that's an easy way to send me news!

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*Editor's note: We are saddened to report the untimely passing of your correspondent, Bill Koughan. Bill, who was 56, died April 6 after a prolonged illness. He served as president and CEO of Samaritan Health System in Watertown, NY. We learned of Bill's death just as this issue went to press. To his wife, Gail, and his three children, William, Jr., Michael and Amy, we offer our heartfelt sympathy.*

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**Christina Soccolich Godshalk** is author of a new novel, titled *Kalimantaan*, which was published this spring by Henry Holt and Co. Tina is going on a national book tour, so keep an eye out for her at your local bookstore. She is anxious to reconnect with Newton alumnae and friends. • By the time you read this, we will have gathered for our 35th reunion. We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend, and I hope to have lots of news to report in the next column.

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I'm sorry to have been silent for the past few issues, but I hadn't heard from anyone in a while. The first item of news is a sad one: **Marietta Denavarre** passed away Oct. 17, 1998. As I reported in the summer '97 column, she had pancreatic cancer. • **Carol Sorace Whalen** visited with Faine McMullen, RSCJ at Kenwood in Feb. Sister McMullen

was preparing a seminar for the Kenwood Sisters on current political topics. Carol also had a chance to chat with Sisters Cunningham and Wheeler. • **Toni Pompeo** was in Chicago for her daughter's graduation from the Univ. of Chicago, and we had dinner together. She mentioned that this column could also serve as a network of information and support for classmates going through difficult times. She has been through difficult years as a result of divorce, and would be most willing to help anyone going through a similar situation. She went to law school after her divorce and was an attorney for a while. She currently runs a day care center in her home. • I just got off the phone with **Karen Decavalcante Monace**. She had written a letter with information for this column back in 1995, and I just found it. I called her for an update, and she sounds exactly as she did 30+ years ago. She and her husband, Sal, live in Chapel Hill, NC after many years in NYC. She refers to it as a southern bit of heaven. Karen has been with the American Lung Association for over 10 years and works from her home with regular visits to the national office in NYC. Their son, Matthew, 17, is busy looking at colleges. Sal and Karen are involved in ACME, the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment. She encourages anyone who hears about it locally to consider participating.

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**Karen Holland** has spent the winter in Aspen. Karen enjoys spending the winter in Colorado and returning to Boston for the summer. Sounds like a great idea. • **John Howard** writes from State College, PA. John received his MBA at Columbia and a PhD from Penn State in marketing. John is professor of marketing at Alfred Univ. and spends his summers sailing the coast. He and his wife, June, a Quaker Friends school teacher, have a son, Tony, a junior film major at Pratt Institute. John wants those who remember him to know that he still has all his hair, a beard, and has gained 30 pounds of muscle since BC days! • A note from **Mary Kingsbury Doller** brought news of her family. Her daughter, Kate, was married last



summer and now lives in Franklin with husband, Mike Donigan. Son, Jon, lives in Weston, CT with wife, Moira. Son, Chris, graduated from Tufts, Matt is at Worcester Polytech and daughter, Liz, keeps Mary company at home in Pembroke. • Also sending news from Pembroke is **Kathy McVarish Sullivan**. Her son, Michael, is based in NYC and married to Jennifer; her daughter, Tricia, is working on her MBA at Suffolk and was recently engaged to Tom Cotter; son, Sean, is with Coopers; and son, Ryan, a mechanical engineer, is working for 3-D Shapes. Kathy is teaching 6th grade and truly enjoys her job. • It is always fun to hear and watch Daria and **Ken Dolan** on *CBS This Morning*. • On a very sad note I must report that we have lost two classmates. **Stephanie Thomas** died in Sept. after a nine-year battle with cancer. Stephanie had been registrar at the Univ. of New Hampshire until her illness caused her to retire. **Sheila Sullivan** was kind to send me the news clipping. The Alumni office sent me the information that **Edward Purcell** died in Nov. To his wife, Pamela, we offer our prayers.

## 65N

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As you read this, you may be thinking of worthwhile ways to spend some vacation and even well-earned retirement. • Word reaches this column that **Elizabeth Meehan**, otherwise occupied as a management consultant in NYC, is heralding a recent experience with Global Volunteers, a private non-profit development organization based in St. Paul, MN, team-teaching English in Ostuni in southern Italy. The volunteer-service program made for an extremely pleasurable holiday time. I am certainly putting it on my list of possibilities. • In scouring for news of you, my randomly sent postcard method has been effective, but not so much as I wish it to be. For those of you who might prefer it, you are encouraged to email news directly to: AlumniComments@bc.edu. Remember to put "Newton 65" in the message. And remember, it is not too soon to think of planning for the 35th Reunion, in that crowded millennium year of 2000 (indeed): any and all ideas are welcome.

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**Beth Gundlach Williams** has met the challenge of breast cancer in her own unique way. She writes: "I did my research and analysis. . . All I could think of was 'let's get going. This is really going to interfere with my work.' . . Within three weeks I had surgery twice and a breast implant. Anne [Beth's daughter] is already getting me into body building programs, and diet and new vitamins. And of course she is looking forward to assisting me in selecting my wig. . . I feel good. . . I just consider this as another item on my list of to-dos." • **Marilyn Bohrer Dewar** is still teaching English in Millis. She writes: "I love teaching juniors and seniors in high school. Teaching has helped with my child-rearing, and child-rearing with my teaching!" Marilyn also described a small family business the Dewars pursued (in their spare time!) at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston. They sold clothing handpainted by daughter Cynthia under the name *Prints Charming*. Marilyn concludes: "It was a fabulous family experience, with all members helping out one way or another. We sold t-shirts to visitors from all states and six continents. Great fun. . . lots of work!" • We've written previously in this column about **Terry Myers'** success in the computer business. Terry co-founded Quarterdeck Office Systems in '82, and served as CEO, CFO, and president until the company's sale in '94. After leaving Quarterdeck, she co-founded Bouquet Multimedia in Pacific Palisades, CA, a digitized "mini-studio." Terry is also a member of the Business Advisory Council at Carnegie Mellon, and a member of the board of directors at Advanced Logic Research, Inc. • **Margie O'Brien Vail** is a pastoral associate and parish catachetical leader in Upper Saddle River, NJ. At the time of the reunion, she was

working on an M.A. in pastoral ministry at Seton Hall. Margie writes: "I enjoy my job and the people with whom I work, especially the work geared towards supporting families with young children. . . Charlie and I are really enjoying the increased time to spend with each other, and as soon as we finish paying for college, we hope to travel more. . . Last year, **Eugenie Webb Maine**, **Amy Comas O'Brien**, **Sheila Lawlor Moore**, **Peggy Badenhansen** and I all had opportunities to visit with one another. We might be nostalgic occasionally, but basically we live in the present, and we value the women we have become as much as the girls we were when we first met." • **Pat Foley DiSilvio** is a lecturer/coordinator in the Italian language program at Tufts. She and Alessandro are the parents of Laila, 25, Francesca, 16, and Lorenzo, 15. • **Sheila McIntire Barry**, Jim, Alicia and Nate have moved to Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore. • Our condolences are with the family and friends of Sister Catherine Maguire, RSCJ, who died at Kenwood in Jan.

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**Bob Reardon, Jr.** has been elected president of the CT Trial Lawyers Association. Bob is president of the Reardon Law Firm, PC of New London, CT and resides in Niantic. • Closer to home, it was delightful to see so many classmates at the Founding member reception at the BC Club. **Joe Kiely** was there, as was **Bob Wilde**, who is presently the development director of the Irish Cultural Center. Also saw **W. Paul White**, now an associate VP at Alma Mater, with his wife, Caroline; **Joe O'Leary, Esq.** with wife, Carolyn Brady O'Leary, NC '68; **Charles Benedict**, **Nick Sannella, MD**, **Dick McCarte**, **Dennis Griffin, MD** and his wife, Maura Curtis Griffin, PhD, NC '68. The School of Nursing was well represented with **Mary-Anne Woodward Benedict**, **Denise Roberto Delaney**, with husband Paul '66, and **Karen Sperandio McCarte**. • **John Costello, Jr.** is publisher and editor of the *Lowell Sun*. Jack and wife, Brenda, live in Lowell. • **Kathleen Canigan Asmuth** is owner and director of Kathleen Asmuth Interiors in Milwaukee, WI. Kathleen and

husband, Tony, live in Mequon, WI. • **Dan Maguire** is an underwriting VP for Lumberman's Mutual Insurance in Framingham. Dan and wife, Roberta, live in Holliston. • **Arthur Daniels, DDS** specializes in pediatric dentistry at Andover Pediatric Dental Center. Dan is also an alumni parent, Class of '99. • **Bill Gilmore** is supervising editor of educational publishing at Simon & Shuster in Needham. Bill and wife, Nancy, reside in Arlington.

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With sadness, we note the recent death of **Paul Fudge Brown** of Portsmouth, RI, a retired Navy captain, due to a car accident. Paul had served several tours on the aircraft carriers USS Independence and John F. Kennedy. He performed further service during Operation Desert Storm as an advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for which he received the Legion of Merit. After retirement from the Navy, he joined Prudential Securities as a financial advisor. He also co-hosted the radio show, "Money Talks" in Washington on WBZS radio. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Carolann, his daughter, Allyson, and son, Michael. • Classmates, with these constant reminders of sadness, please continue to share the news of life's joyful events as they unfold in your lives, too. Many of us are enjoying the adventures of second careers, changing lifestyles, travel opportunities, and welcoming new "little people" into our rapidly expanding family circles. Share these jubilant new horizons with us! My e-mail address is above, or you can also contact me via BC at AlumniComments@bc.edu if you prefer. My deadline is too early for me to report on our 30th Reunion, so I'll let you know all about it in our next issue. The '68 Eagles will be vying for bragging



rights in the Reunion Weekend Golf Tournament at Wayland Country Club, enjoying our traditional Night at the Pops at Symphony Hall, and rocking and rolling in our great '60s style at the Reunion Record Hop! See you there, kids!!!

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Hello everyone. I have finally become part of the electronic age. Now you can e-mail your news to me at fivemill@aol.com. It's easy, it's quick—so let me hear from you! • Congratulations to **Jeanne Daley** who has been named director of property management for MetLife. Jeanne will now manage six MetLife facilities in the New York region, including their one million square foot home office in NYC! • **Jean Sullivan Burchard** writes that she is alive and well in Jackson Hole, WY, where she is the administrative director of the Wildlife Film Festival. She also is a night manager of the Rusty Parrot Lodge. Her spare time is filled with lots of skiing. • Look for lots of reunion news next time!

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**Peter Capobianco** was a co-chair of the Catholic Charities' annual Cardinal's Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston in Dec. Peter is senior VP of E&Y Kenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group. • **Rick Conway** is head of the government contracts section at Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin & Oskinsky in Washington, DC. • **Chris Shea Conway** is head of Cornerstone Family Counseling, PC. Daughter, Susan, is completing her freshman year at BC where she is a member of the University Chorale. • Among the many classmates seen at this year's Beanpot hockey tourney were **Bob Coleman**, **Paul Branca** and **Jerry and Magee Powers Ragosa**. • **Bob Dolan** had the chance to perform at the BC Robsham The-

ater in the Jan. production of *"The Imported Bridegroom."* Bob and wife, **Linda Hamilton Dolan**, live in Raynham. • **Jim Capone** is a teacher at Walpole High School. Jim lives in Foxboro with his wife and two children. • I need news; please write or e-mail me.

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I have previously mentioned this column's deadline is more than three months before you see it in print, however I am now disappointed by the fact that I really haven't heard from *anyone* new. This is *your* Class column, but I can't write anything if no one sends me any information. • Thanks (!!) to **Janet Cavalen Cornella** who recently sent me a 10-page email professing to be from Bill Gates promising free software, etc. I will get even. • Thanks to **Paul Mahoney** for sending me a copy of a Jan. article from *Boston Business Journal*. **Skip Coppola** is the new VP and general manager of Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Inc. His marching orders are to rejuvenate the place. According to the article, he is on the right track. He has previously managed International Place and the Prudential Building. Skip and his wife and family live in Millis. • After I volunteered to do this column, I realized that at some point I would have to bring you news that was not as pleasant as usual. It is with sadness that I report the sudden death of **Michael F. Curran, PhD** of S. Weymouth in Nov. He was the president of Advantage Health Corp. in Woburn. Our sympathies and prayers to his wife, Helen, and their children, Andrew, JoHanna and Mary Helen. • On to merrier information. **Bob Mongan** called just to let me know he wasn't avoiding my calls. It's just that his answering service is so good I actually thought he was working instead of being on vacation. He and his wife, Maria, and daughter, Catherine, had just re-

turned from seeing Mickey and Donald. • I recently heard a story about one of our classmates. It seems that this classmate had been offered a major promotion involving a London assignment with all the perks: fancy apartment, luxury car, private schools for the children, major expense account, etc., etc. The move, however, would have disrupted too many things: kids in college, kids in high school, elderly parents and in-laws, not to mention giving up season football tickets at the Heights. This classmate turned down the promotion. Family is very important, and you have to have respect for this decision. • For those of you who have been reading this column since I took it over, you know that I promised I would make stuff up about people if no one sent me any meaningful information. (My Alumni Office contact is worried about libel suits.) So I am giving fair notice that my first victims will be **Anthony A. Copani** and **Kathleen J. Skinner**. If I don't hear from you by July 1, 1998 your life histories will be fair game. I promise it won't be pretty. • While this final bit of information really doesn't have anything to do with Class news, it is important none the less. In Feb., I was involved in a serious automobile accident (I survived relatively unscathed, but the car didn't), ending upside down in a ditch. It really is true. Seatbelts *do* save lives. Please wear them. • Well that's all the news from the Class of '70, where our waists are still thin and our hair is still thick. Thanks, God bless and buckle up.

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**Fred Leonard** is working with Alliance Research Solutions of Bedford, a company involved with the fascinating use of interactive media. Fred shared some great stories about his children. Be sure and ask his wife, Ann, how she liked the go-cart tracks

through her garden. • Our condolences to **Peter Oberto** on the recent death of his father, Peter '47. • News from Charlotte, NC: **Coleman Sullivan** has founded a strategic communications consulting firm in which he will put his 27 years of experience to good use. Coleman Sullivan and Company is soon to open offices in South Park. No relation to the cartoon of the same name. • In the world of athletics: congratulations to **Bob Griffin**, as he earned his certification as a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. Bob is one banker that is proud to admit that he is going downhill fast. Look for him at the Loon Mountain ski school. • **Brian Shaughnessy** and I were guests of Bob's at the Annual Eastern Bank customer appreciation day at Loon. A great day. Have Brian tell you about his classes at Harvard. Later in March, Brian guided me to the summit of Everest. Seated comfortably as his Wilderness House guest at the Museum of Science Omni Theater, we were swept away to Katmandu and points beyond. The Imax film *Everest* is an inspiring and beautiful film. Also in attendance were **Bob Griffin** and son Sean '00, along with 347 grateful customers. • **Nancy Palmisciano** resides in and practices law in Rhode Island. She serves our class as Bequest Agent and reminds us all that, "If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else." • Let us know of your sons and daughters joining BC 2002. Next deadline is June 1.

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Just got off the phone with **Donna Perazzini Walsh**. She is a third grade teacher in CT where she lives with husband, Marty, and son, Matt. Donna was busy putting the finishing touches on a video project: she is taping one of her lessons for use by the state in training elementary school teachers. Her son Matt, a charming young man who took the time to discuss football with his mom's college roommate, is a senior at Springfield College. This past fall he had a paid internship with the New England Patriots and traveled with the team in their pursuit of the Super Bowl. He is looking forward to a career in sports management. •



**Eileen McIntyre** left me a message. She needed **Marie Robey Wood's** phone number. It seems her son, Jesse, is headed to DC for the summer, and Marie is close by. Coincidentally, I heard from **Jane Hudson** who sent me news on Marie. Marie is editing a Catholic woman's magazine as part of her job as director of public relations and publications for the Council of Catholic Women in DC. Marie laughs that one of the things she likes best about the job, after living in the suburbs of Maryland for 23 years, is working downtown. • I received distressing news from **Martha Lappin Iarrapino**. She wrote of the death of **Pat Massa Bass**, who passed away Dec. 23 after a prolonged battle with cancer. Patty, who spent the first few years after graduation in education, returned to law school and was practicing law prior to her illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by husband, Robert, and son Justin, 8. Martha writes that she met with Patty and **Peg Mastrianni** for lunch in early Nov. and reminisced about the Newton days, which Patty fondly described as "some of the best times of my life." We know she will be dearly missed. Our condolences to her family, and our pledge for prayers. • Until next time, regards.

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I've finally run out of news from the Reunion, and I'm a little short of other news, so I'll start by digressing onto some other BC-related topics. • Congratulations to John Wissler '57, CGSOM '72 on his retirement after 30 years as executive director of the Alumni Association. I've appreciated his support for the 25 years that I've been doing this column, and I'll miss him. • This hasn't been much of a year for BC's major sports teams, but I've certainly been able to reminisce based on some recent events: The Winter Olympics reminded me of the last time they were conducted in Japan, when **Tom Mellor** took a year off from his BC career to win a medal with the US hockey team. The signing of Doug Flutie '85 by the Buffalo Bills reminds me not only of how much I enjoyed his career at BC, but of how much I enjoyed his career in Canada for the last eight years. (He averaged

over 5,000 yards per season; the best NFL average is about 3,500.) The Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl reminded me that probably no other college or university was as well represented as BC (Bill Romanowski '88, Mark Chmura '91 and Tom Nalen '94 in the former; Mssrs. Chmura and Nalen in the latter, and Leslie Visser '76 on the sidelines for ABC). • Now for what little news I have on classmates and contemporaries: **Ed Jantzen** and Karen Gruber were married in Laguna Beach on Valentine's Day. The less said about the weather conditions the better, but a good time was had by all, including Jim Fallon '73. Jim, who is in the process of starting a company to supply dermatologists, tells me that he made the front page of *Investors Business Daily* as well as the *Wall Street Journal* editorial page with his expose of Teddy Kennedy and the Food and Drug Administration. He tells me that **Mary Cincotta Reed** and her husband, Austin '73, live in Richmond, VA and have a child who attends Harvard. • **Brian Corrigan** has left Wells Fargo Bank to join the firm that, as of this writing, is known as Price Waterhouse as a consultant in their capital markets group in Orange County. That's the same title that **Larry Johnson** has with Deloitte and Touche in Chicago. • I expected to hear from classmates more often on account of my e-mail address, and I am—only thing is that it's all from one person: **Kevin Shannon**. Kevin is practicing law in San Francisco while he pursues an LLM degree in taxation at Golden Gate Univ. • I had a nice letter from **Tom DeSimone** informing me that he's become a grandfather now that his son, who's an MBA candidate at Dartmouth, has become a father. • That's it for now. Please let me hear from you.

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Christmas mail brought news from **Shelly Noone Connolly**, Michael, Mike, Kevin and Meghan, who are now living in Sparta, NJ. The Connollys travelled back to Washington, DC to see Mike play football at Georgetown Preparatory. Congratulations to Mike on his acceptance to Notre Dame. • After arriving at Logan Airport and renting a car for her trip to our Reunion, **Margaret Beany Verdon** stopped on

Storrow Drive and asked another driver for directions to Newton. Beany had everyone at the cocktail party in hysterics as she described the reaction of the other driver. Beany represented our Class as a panelist in the thought-provoking discussions held on Reunion Weekend. • **Mari-Ann Anita Nodarse** is a banker in Miami. • **Grace Regan Conway**, John, Jack, Gracie, Billy, Ryan, Michael and Clare live in Loudonville, NY. Grace is a Siena College associate trustee and on the Ronald McDonald House Board. • **Mary O'Donnell Gilbane**, Thomas, Tom, Dan, Martha and Mike are living in Providence. Mary is a volunteer for the United Way, Providence Country Day, and Brown. Congratulations, Mary, on receiving a most improved golfer award. • **Ann Marie Palumbo Maloney**, James, Kate, Michael and Sarah live on the water at Lake Archer in Wrentham. Ann Marie and Jim celebrated their 25th anniversary last year. Both have been running an auto parts business and buying and selling antiques. In 1996, Anne Marie obtained her real estate license and entered the world of real estate. • **Eileen McGowan** is a college supervisor at Lesley College and a part-time student at Harvard in the Certificate of Advanced Study Adult Development. • **Grae Baxter**, the interim leader of Mount Vernon College in Washington, DC, just lead the consolidation of Mount Vernon College with George Washington Univ. • Please take care. My empty mail box now echoes. Please send news fast.

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Hello classmates. By the time you get this column, our 25th Reunion will be over and done with. How was it? As I write this column in early March, I can only guess that it was lots of fun. Look for details of the reunion in the next issue, for sure! • First off, web people: BC is on-line. The web site is: [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). You can e-mail information about yourself directly to BC now and they will forward your mail to me. Ah, the electronic age. • Next time you are in NYC, be sure to look up **Robert Polito**. Bob, as some of you may

remember, was editor of *Stylus* and features editor of *The Heights* while a Scholar of the College at BC. After graduation, Bob got his PhD in English and American language and literature from Harvard. He is the author of books and poetry, and has been published in numerous magazines, including *The New Yorker*, *The Yale Review*, *The Boston Phoenix* and *The New York Times Book Review*. Bob has taught at Harvard, Wellesley and NYU. Since '92, he has been director of the writing program at The New School for Social Research located in New York's Greenwich Village. • Attorney **Paul Dillon** sent the following correspondence: "Regarding the class notes in the recent issue of the Magazine, I remember seeing a notice in about '77-'78, without details, that **Stephen Johnson**, one of the speakers at graduation, had passed away. I hope that I am wrong, because it was dreadful news at the time. Although Steve and I were not close friends, I had a lot of respect for him, and visited him and his family in New Orleans while passing through during college years. He was a very bright, very good guy, with great prospects, and his parents were very proud of him. I remember thinking that they must have been crushed by Steve's death." Thank you, Paul, for sharing this information with us. Inquiries to the BC Alumni Association by yours truly did not confirm or deny Stephen's passing, but as class correspondent I felt obligated to share this letter with the Class. • On a brighter note, **Paul Dillon** would like **Mark Schneider** to remember a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. • Received an email from **Martin C. Kennedy**, SOE, who reports that after he graduated from BC, he stayed on for an MED which he got in '74; that's when he met his wife, Ellen Lang, also MED '74. They live in Winchester with their two children, Emmy, 15, and Miles, 12. Martin is VP for sales and marketing for Didax Educational Resources. He hoped that all the School of Ed folks showed up at the reunion. In Martin's words: "A lot of us were commuters and spent many hours in Lyons Hall between classes...remember? How about the Chorale performing *Carmina Burana*, *Midsummer Night's Dream* on the 'common' and drama productions in Campion?" • Well, Martin, speaking of fellow SOE classmates and drama, we have heard from **M. Elizabeth Barrett**. Elizabeth graduated with a BA in special ed in '73, and in '74 with an MED in deaf-blind. She received two M.A.'s from Gallaudet Univ. and worked



for 15 years as a therapist and school psychologist with deaf children and adults. About 10 years ago, while living in NYC, Elizabeth began an acting career and was in several plays off-Broadway. In 1988, she remarried, and she and her husband, Richard, have a beautiful son, Barrett Tuttobene, 5. They make their home outside L.A. now because Elizabeth is pursuing her acting career full time. She starred in a world premier of a play in L.A. called "*Sweet Nothing in my Ear*;" this play opened in Chicago this spring and hopefully will move on to Broadway. Elizabeth writes that she is enormously excited to be attending the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA for her MFA in acting. You can email her either at: mbarrett@indy1.calarts.edu, or at rtutto@aol.com. Elizabeth keeps in touch with **Jo-Ellen Darcy** who lives and works in Washington, DC. Jo-Ellen received her master's in environmental policy planning and heads up the federal agency responsible for developing policies regarding conservation of our natural water resources. "She is a big Whoo-Haa in the pulse of the nation!!!" says Elizabeth. • Lastly, classmates, **Tom Heckel**, theckel@aol.com, sent a message a bit late for last issue's column. But I think he would want you to get it now anyway: "This is a call to all who lived on Claver 3 in '69-'70. You know who you are...Graf, Perk, O'Reilly, Pedicini, Evans, Cummings, Leidl, Wappel, Bennet, The Cat, Paul, Ron, etc. I expect all of you at the 25th in May." Hope Tom and everyone else who showed up at the reunion was not disappointed. Bye-bye.

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**Donna Kossick Richter** writes joyfully from Orange County, CA where she is honing her driving skills between soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, swimming, PTA, church and community activities. Makes me tired just reading it all! She and John, VP of an auto transportation company, have three busy children: Kurt, 15, Kim, 12 and Christy, 9. Donna loves Southern California and claims that her life isn't that exciting...sounds great to me! • **Kathleen Croce** and husband of 20 years, Jerry Reisman, director

of a pre-school program in Hartford, live in Guilford, CT with their two daughters, Alexis, 13 and Hannah, 8. Both girls are active in sports, music and the arts. She is a clinical psychologist, specializing in trauma work, depression, anxiety disorders and women's issues. Kathi has faced her forties head-on: she has been in women's group for 14 years; together they physically challenge themselves with bike tours, hiking and other trips. She can be reached at <kcrocegsnet.net> • **Susan Jacquet** is a residential Realtor in Washington, DC and maintains her French roots with frequent family trips to France with husband, Philippe Marciniak, and children, Alexandra, 11, and Christopher, 7. • **Mary Louise Bizzie O'Neill Brustin** married Steve a few years after college and they have been "busy" (get it?) with their three basketball stars: Drew, 20, Elizabeth, 18 and Adam, 16. She's involved in community service in the Duxbury area; Steve is a dentist. • **Margaret Stanton McBride**, judge on the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, and husband, Jack, have made golfing a family activity with Michael, 10 and Barrett, 5. • **David and Karen Lorimer Martin** are grandparents! Connor Patrick is son of their daughter, Kamala; their son, Sean, is a junior in high school with a new driver's license. I can imagine the sleepless nights! Karen works for Deepak Chopra and has traveled the world for her work. She is becoming certified to teach his courses in mind/body principles and meditation, and hopes to soon meet George Harrison, my very, very favorite Beatle. • Enjoy the summer. The next column will be chock-full of Reunion news.

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Can you believe it? One year to go until our 25th! This year will be filled with plenty of opportunities to get together with classmates, reminisce, and plan the next 25 years! Call, write or email if you want to be involved or share reunion ideas. Here are two email addresses to make note of if you're on line: class notes information will be forwarded to me from the Alumni Association from AlumniComments@bc.edu; mine is paebc74@aol.com. • Thanks for all the news for this column. ¥ **Maureen**

**Massa** has joined the law firm of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner as a partner practicing out of the New York office. Her expertise is international real estate law. • **Tom Valenti** spent two weeks teaching conversational English to Italian teens in Ostuni as part of the Global Volunteers program. Tom is a Chicago-based attorney who also shares his talents with Chicago Cares and Pro Bono Associates. • **Alan B. McDonald** has joined Grand Circle Travel Corp. of Boston as president of its Adventure Holding Company, which is comprised of Overseas Travel and Vermont Bicycle Touring. Alan, his wife and two sons live in Framingham. • If you need some inspiration to get into shape for that reunion, pick up a copy of *Weight Training Made Easy* by J.L. Bedral; the inside back cover features **Kathleen Hardin Harris**, looking great; there is an article about her on pages 29-30. Employed by the state Department of Mental Retardation, Kathy and her husband, Graham, live in Burlington with their two daughters, where they are involved in community theater and the school system. She is a wonderful example of what you can do if you put your mind to it. • I received a nice note from **Jo Ursini**. She, husband, Ken, and daughters, Becky and Sarah, have temporarily relocated to Jacksonville where Ken is a Navy Military Judge. Jo is of counsel to Roberts & Hunderlmark in Chevy Chase, MD, and would love to hear from classmates. You can reach her at JLUrsini@aol.com. • On a very sad note, please remember the families of two of our classmates in your prayers: **William Kelly**, who was from Medford, and **Andrew M. DeLuca**, who was active in the Chicago area as a volunteer alumni admissions interviewer. Both passed away last Dec. • I would like to extend our Class' best wishes to John Wissler as he retires from his position as executive director of the Alumni Association. His service to all BC grads will be missed. • Please write or e-mail soon!

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Greetings everyone! I had the pleasure of meeting **Doreen Flynn Trahon** while in the local area. She and husband, James Trahon SOM '75, reside in Madison, NJ with their four children. Jim coaches son Jimmy's youth hockey team. Doreen teaches 9th grade youth ministry and a 6th grade CCD class in her home. Both are active in pro-life ministry. She and Jim are patiently awaiting his transfer to the Boston area. Doreen recently went to Medugorje, Bosnia and would love to hear from any classmates who have been there. Her address is 123 Green Village Rd., Madison, NJ 07940. • Congratulations to **Vincent J. Quealy Jr.** SOM on his appointment as VP of mutual fund services at First Data Investor Services Group Inc. in Westborough. Prior to joining First Data, Vincent served as managing director at Boston Equiserve, a joint venture of BankBoston and Boston Financial Data Services. He was responsible for developing new business and managed the sale of the employee stock purchase plan and stock option administration services. He was also instrumental in developing the growth of the company's direct stock purchase program. • Once again, **James Jamie Rosencranz** has added to his business holdings with the opening of The Greatest Snow on Earth, a complete snowboarding and service shop at the Waterville Valley ski complex in Waterville, NH. All classmates are invited to stop in for a free wax job. • Sighted at the BC/Notre Dame football game in South Bend were '75 classmates and Merry Pranksters **Jamie Rosencranz, Guy Muzio, Ron Whitaker and Barri Adams**. • **Anne Camille Maher** has accepted the position of managing director for business development for RX Remedy, Inc. in Westport, CT. She will assist in building a business in information services related to the health, wellness, behavior disorders and outcomes for America's 50+ population. Earlier this year, she purchased a dream cottage in Pocasset Village on Cape Cod. Anne and **Rosemary Murphy McMahon, Roseann Nardone Silver**, and "honorary class member" Patty Gilligan Lynch planned a girls' weekend in Sturbridge. Anne would love to hear from classmates in the Fairfield



County/NYC area. Her home phone is 203-323-3301. • That is all for this column. The next deadline is June 1. Class notes can be e-mailed to Alumni.Comments@bc.edu and will be forwarded to me. Please keep in touch. Have a splendid summer.

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My thanks to the following classmates for their news: **Kim Lucchesi Marshall** wrote from CT to say she keeps in touch with **Enid Hatton**, **Ann Vernon Fallon** (their 5th graders are buddies) and **Beth Reifers**; all three ladies celebrate their summer birthdays together. Kim also sees **Mary Beth Simpkins Wells** at the Wells' annual summer pig roast, co-hosted by husband, Steve, son, Stephan and daughter, Kerriane. Kim is VP of a family-owned construction company and will be the '98 president of the CT contractors' trade organization. Married since '81, Kim and Bill are the parents of four children: Daughter Micaela (9th grader at Greenwich's Convent of the Sacred Heart) and sons Billy, Greg and Matt. • **Lisa Antonelli Dellaporta** sent Christmas greetings with a picture of her three gorgeous children: Christopher, 19, a sophomore at Notre Dame; Katie, 16 and Peter, 14. She keeps busy with volunteer work in their hometown of Rochester, NY and making sure the two youngest get to all of their activities on time. • **Kathy Curry Thibault** also sent a picture of her two handsome boys, Ray J, 9 and David, 4. Kathy works part-time for a medical engineering firm and is a teacher/naturalist for the Mass. Audubon Society. Fortunately, both businesses are within three miles of home, so she and husband, Ray, are able to keep everyone moving to where they need to go. • **Dr. Janice Mogan King** brings us up-to-date with her Christmas note. After Newton, Janice graduated from Purdue's School of Veterinary Medicine. She and her husband, Tim, a fellow student, owned a veterinary practice in NC before moving to the Chicago area in '94. Currently, Tim is with the US Dept. of Agriculture, and Janice works for The American Veterinary Medical Association Professional Liability Insurance Trust. They have two children, Jennifer

(7th grade) and Jonathan (1st grade). Both are strong students and are becoming accomplished horseback riders. Since moving to Chicago, Janice renewed her friendship with **Dr. Joanne Chouinard**, who earned her degree in dentistry from UPenn and has her own dental practice. She also met up with **Cooke Young Gilliam** while standing on line for lunch last year. Cooke lives in Hinsdale, IL and works downtown for Chicago Trust. To use Janice's words: "The world is truly small when you meet Newton College graduates wherever you go." • **Jean Kanski Bittl**, husband, John, son, Jim, 12 and daughter, Alie, 10, have broken out of the Boston area after 23 years, and moved to Ocala, FL. While in Boston, Jean worked for nine years at Children's Hospital as a medical/surgical illustrator, then became a freelancer and part-time art editor from home while raising the two children. She "guesses" that the highlight of her Boston career was to have artwork displayed at the Science Museum; a "temporary" display, still present after 10 years. She shares that her work was critiqued by a Boy Scout troop, who deemed the work "gross." I do not have any sons, but this sounds like a compliment to me: Jean's pictures must be very, very life-like! Ocala is horse-country, so Jean's kids are also into riding, which leaves Jean time to pursue pottery, an art form she has always been interested in. • So, there you have it! Our next deadline is Sept. 1. I couldn't fit all the news in this time due to space limitations—so look for more next time. Keep those cards and letters coming. Have a safe and fun summer!

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The campus radio station, WZBC-FM, plans periodic reunions of former staffers, but, given the recordkeeping of the erstwhile rockers, the present staffers need some help. So, any '76ers who toiled as deejays, engineers, producers, sports announcers, etc., may want to write the station with present whereabouts and past memories. In order to get an invite to the next get-together, Contact Evan Dooley, c/o the station. • **Rev. Thomas J. Whelan** is presently serving the parishioners of St. Francis' Church in Medford. • Still plugging away as a residence

dean at Stanford Univ., **Andy Hernandez** welcomed President and Mrs. Clinton to campus last fall when "First Frosh" Chelsea moved into one of the residences he supervises. Andy made sure the famous freshman adjusted well to university life, and he learned much about the workings of the Secret Service. His only complaint is that E1 Nino has ravaged the area, and he pines for an old-fashioned blizzard after the torrent of floods and mudslides. • **Rev. Tom Regan, SJ** took the time to say how amazed he was at the response to the *Boston Globe Magazine* piece that highlighted his life since high school. He thanks those who commented on it. • The winter '97 issue of *Tempo*, the Boston Organ & Piano Newsletter, features **Geri Bergonzi** among the faculty. After earning her BA in English literature and philosophy, Geri studied music theory at Tufts Univ., and from '77 to '86, was in private study of world-renowned piano jazz improvisationalist Charles Banacos. As expected, she teaches students with jazz on their mind, emphasizing improvisational skills, and finds the time to edit "*Inside Improvisation*," published by Advanced Music. • **Michael J. Pelgro** continues his dedicated service as an assistant US Attorney in Boston. Mike resides in Needham, and, with many others, awaits the opening of the new Federal Courthouse. • Well, that's it for now. Have a great spring, and God bless! • *Editors note:* In the Deaths listing of the Fall, 1997 magazine, **Ted Bernhardt '76** was mistakenly listed. In fact, Ted's father, Theophile J. Bernhardt, Esq. '44, LAW '49 passed away on May 23, 1997 and was correctly listed. Our condolences to the Bernhardt family, and our apologies for the error.

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This early summer '98 brings news from **Eric Hafen**, who resides in Union City, NJ. Eric writes that he is now in his 18th year of show business, acting, directing and producing. He serves as a consultant to Six Flags Great Adventure as its artistic director of shows, as well as with the Dorsey Orchestra in South Carolina. By the time this goes to print, he will also have directed a production of "*Lysistrata*" at LaSalle Univ.

However, Eric spends most of his time as director of "*The Passion Play*" at the Park Theater in Union City, NJ. In spring '97 Eric made the bold move of casting an African-American in the role of Jesus. To quote Eric, "it drew quite a stir," including many cancellations and a death threat directed at him because of his casting. He received accolades in the form of letters and phone calls from the general public, celebrities, the White House and Mohammed Ali. To top it all off though, Eric and his wife, Donna, were flown to San Diego by the Archdiocese of San Diego where he was presented with the "Ne Timeas Award" for integrity and courage. Eric asked that a special thank you be extended to the late Dr. J. Paul Marcoux and Father Joe Larkin, SJ who were his special mentors while he was at BC. • **Peter M. McCauley** writes that he has been with BankBoston in their inventory management department for the last five years. Peter is responsible for bar coding new systems as they come into the bank, tracking them as they are moved about, and finally determining their disposal. Peter lives in Hull, just south of Boston. He has never married. • Congratulations to Steven and **Robin Christiano Ryan** of Seattle, WA on the birth of their first child, Jack Michael Ryan, born in Jan. Robin writes that they are just thrilled at this wonderful addition to their family. • Best wishes to you all! Have a great summer, and send news!

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Greetings, one and all! Hope you are enjoying a great '98. Wow... 20 years... well, I tell ya, you all look great from here: you haven't aged a day, from what I can see...(course, now I expect you to tell me the same.) Things here have settled down, and I have even resigned myself to the idea of having a kid in college. (Ahhh, yeah, I was a child bride...that's the ticket!) How is this for a twist on an honor: Cadi, my oldest, was recognized as the top EMT volunteer in Montgomery County, and that, along with her status as top of her Fire Academy class and "Montgomery County Cadet of the Year," meant she was nominated one of the "Outstanding



Young Men of America." Hmmm... seems to be a bit of gender confusion on someone's part. For good measure, she was also recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America." What a 'kid, huh? (Smile) • Remember those forms you sent into BC? Well, we do read 'em. This month's column seems to be dominated by those in the teaching field. **Mary T. Baracewicz** of Duxbury writes that she has been nursing at Brigham & Women's Hospital for 19 years and has three great kids keeping her busy: Chris, 13, Phil, 11, and Alyssa, 7. (I heartily agree, Mary, you are right: we are not getting older, just more experienced.) • **Andy and Jane Murphy Boynton** are now living in Lausanne, Switzerland. They lived in Switzerland from '92-'94, moved to Chapel Hill, NC, where they stayed from '94-'96. They returned to Switzerland in summer '96, where Andy is a professor of business at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland. They have four boys: Owen, 15, Dylan, 10, Ian, 7 and Evan, 4. In the mood for a little international email? You can reach them at jboynto@ibm.net. • **Peter G. Crummey** (who just happens to be the president of the Capital District BC Alumni Club), and his wife Caron, took their five children: Carol, Constance, Cathryn, Canon and Peter, Jr. to the BC- Miami game last fall. They had a great time and are looking forward to a return next fall, but Peter has one little question: "Does BC offer a family rate?" • **Brian Dacey** and his wife, Cindy, had a very busy summer '97. Brian managed the 12-A All Star Team from Barnstable from June 15-Aug. 2. The team made it to the state final—four out of 364 teams, winning eight straight games. A resounding congrats to you and the team, Brian (and here's hoping that, as this issue comes out this summer, you do it again!). Brian is still building custom homes on Cape Cod and says the market is crazy with "choice lots on the water doubling," so get 'em while they are hot! (How's about a nice lot in exchange for the free advertising, eh, Brian? Hmm, it can't hurt to ask! Hehehe) Brian and Cindy live in Centerville, and have two boys: Kyle, 14, an eighth grader attending Rectory School in Pomfret, CT; and Sean, 12, a seventh grader who enjoys playing youth football LB/HB. Brian says he is looking forward to the 20th reunion activities. • **Gerard J. Di Giovanni** of Belmont is busy raising his two boys, Vincent, 3 and Troy, 6. • After 17 years in Alaska, **Kathleen Norris** moved "back East" to Wentworth,

NH, where she has been director of guidance at Plymouth Regional High School since summer '95. Happy to be back in New England, she is working on her EdD in educational leadership at Univ. of Sarasota, as she finishes the C.A.G.S. at Plymouth State College, as well as working full-time. Talk about your full plates! • **Christopher J. Toomey** has been appointed president of Glenair, Inc. of Glendale, CA, and has assumed responsibilities as managing director of international operations. He had been serving as executive VP. • **Francis Roo Whitten III** of Westborough says, "The guys from A-54 are still hanging out together." According to Fran, **Mark Hawk Horgan** is a detective with the State Police Dept. and has two young'uns, Adam and Abigail. **John Eyes Leen** is a Pepsi Cola executive in OH and has three kids, Michael, Christen and Ryan. **Kevin Mac MacDonald** is a priest in Bethpage, NY. **John AAS Morris** is director of tennis at Amelia Island Plantation and has two kids, Trevor and Nichole. Fran is the director of athletics of Algonquin Regional High School and has a son, Fran. I guess he will have to write again and include some wives names for some of the guys, since I never heard of male virgin birth. (Yikes!) • **Rick Zap Zappala** is the head athletic trainer at Hofstra Univ. and has three children, Rick, Dan and Marissa.

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Hi! By the time you read, this we will have survived another winter. • At this time (mid-Feb.) it hasn't been that bad, but I know that all could change! • **Deborah Foss Cox** sent her annual Christmas newsletter and collage! She and Steve still work at Kodak, and are enjoying their children, Kristin and Steven. It's becoming an annual pleasure receiving Deborah's card. • **Kerry Mahony** sent an update on her trip. She returned from a seven-month solo journey to Southeast Asia where she visited Malaysia, Sumatra and Borneo, among other places. She finished her trip in Nepal, where she spent one month doing charity work at Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity Home where she looked after 35 children. She said it was great fun, quite rewarding and utterly exhausting! She's now back in NYC to

look for a job. Good luck, and thanks for keeping us posted! • **Carl Muzio** has expanded his business interests with the opening of a restaurant in New Haven, CT. It's called "Captain Carl's Submarine Adventures;" he invites all classmates to drop by for a free footlong. • I just returned from a cruise to Puerto Rico, St. Croix and St. Thomas and had a great time! • I close with a sad note on the death of Mary Kathryn Quinn, the three-year-old daughter of Tom and **Mary Dannenberg Quinn** of Chatham, NJ. Mary Kathryn passed away Oct. 11, 1996 from complications of leukemia. Mary sent along a beautiful poem of tribute composed by her neighbor, along with a note, which said (in part): "(Mary Kathryn) was the brightest, most loving child you could imagine. She handled the trials of her treatments better than most adults." To Mary and Tom, and to their daughter, Eileen, we offer our heartfelt sympathy. • Those of you who would like to email your updates may do so at AlumniComments@bc.edu. They will forward any information to me. • Hope all is going well in your lives!

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It's great to finally have the Class of 1980 represented in *BCM*. Thanks to everyone who sent letters. I hope to hear from more of you soon. The deadline for the next issue is Sept. 1. My wife, **Kimberley DePra**, and I have been married for 15 years. I own a private family dental practice in Brockton. Kim is a graphic designer in the marketing department at Keane, Inc. in Boston. I joined the Cage Club to support BC basketball. It's a great opportunity to become involved with the hoops program. I look forward to seeing some of you at the games next season. • **Jim Artaiz** and his wife, Liz, have been living in Banks, OR for the past 13 years. Jim is a part owner of an apparel manufacturing company based in Portland. The company produces custom apparel for both the corporate and collegiate marketplace. (BC is one of his customers!) Liz is a stay-at-home mom, raising their five children, ages 3 to 12. • **Todd Kates** received a PhD in counseling psychology from Northeastern Univ. in Sept. and is now executive director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of

MetroBoston, Inc. He also chairs the board of directors for the SpeakEasy Stage Co. in Boston, a resident company of the Boston Center for the Arts. • **Alisa Fontana-Lewis** has been teaching in Greenwich, CT for 12 years. She was recently nominated to be one of the town's distinguished teachers. • **Marie DelloRusso Cahalane** married Tim Cahalane '79 soon after graduation and settled in West Medford. They have two children, 15 and 12. She has been a client services coordinator for Bernett Research Services for the past three years, and is currently applying to graduate school for a master's in school counseling. She stays in touch with **Renita Keramas Johnson**, her 219N Edmonds Hall roommate, as well as **Cheryl Skane Fenton** and **Csilla Bene Tambor**. • **Donald Maloney** writes that in Nov. '96, his brother Jim was elected to the US House of Representatives as a Democrat in Connecticut's 5th District. He faces re-election in the fall. • **Peter Roth** is president and CEO of Group Insurance Concepts Inc. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Hingham with their two children. He recently joined the BC Club and thinks it is a great opportunity to see and meet fellow alumni. • **Susan Shortell MacKinnon**, a self-described "super mom," is teaching kindergarten in Maynard, raising four children and pursuing a master's in education at Lesley College. • **Dr. John Manning, Jr.** has been practicing chiropractic medicine for 12 years. His office is in West Boylston. His letter was filled with many fond (and interesting) memories of his times at the Heights. He hopes to hear from fellow classmates in future class notes. • Let's hear from you!

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**Glen Turner** reports that since leaving active duty in the Air Force after Desert Storm in '92, he has been managing dual careers as a pilot for American Airlines and as a financial consultant with Smith Barney. He is currently living in Coconut Creek, FL, and says he would enjoy locating some long-lost classmates to organize a reunion. His e-mail address is Adrynlyn@aol.com. • **Arthur**



**Frasca** has been living in Michigan since '86. He and his wife, Lorraine, have a daughter, Melissa, 2, and were expecting a second child in Feb. Arthur just finished grad school and obtained two MSF degrees: corporate finance and international finance. He is a limited partner with J.W. Korth & Co., a small firm involved in investment banking and dealer sales. Arthur has been with his firm since '86 and really enjoys his coworkers. • **Greg Clower** reports that **John Graham** is a national sales manager for Nike Apparel in Europe. John and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Rachel, and a son, Jack. They live in the Netherlands. Greg also advises that following John's recent promotion within the Nike organization, Nike stock took a serious nose dive. Way to go, John. • **Leo Wiener** was appointed VP of commercial lending at PNB Bank in New Jersey. • **John Jurgenson** has joined AIG Group in Chicago as a senior executive in their claims department. • **Brian Murphy** is with AP in Athens. • **Mark Brescia, MD** is practicing medicine in Ft. Lee, NJ. • **Kathy Aicher** is living in L.A. and works for NBC Entertainment as director of affiliate advertising and promotion. She joined NBC three years ago after spending eleven years at various television stations across the nation. Upon moving to L.A., Kathy met **Anne Garefino**. Although they did not know each other at BC, Kathy and Anne knew a lot of the same people. Anne is production manager on the Comedy Central hit, *South Park*. Kathy is still single, but not for much longer. She will marry Thom Gilbert on Aug. 8. Thom has been her best friend for 15 years! When I think of Kathy, I think of skiing, so I was not surprised to learn that Thom is director of competitions and summer adventures at the Killington Ski Resort in Vermont. Kathy guesses that she has one more move in her future (closer to the slopes, no doubt)! Kathy hopes that her roommates and friends will get in touch with her in L.A. Her e-mail address is [kathy.aicher@nbc.com](mailto:kathy.aicher@nbc.com). • As you can see, mail was light this past quarter. I'd love to hear from you!

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I hope that everyone survived the winter weather and is enjoying the

spring. • **John Ebanietti** wrote that he and his wife, Lori, are parents of two girls, Arielli and Blaise. John is SVP at Paine Webber. They reside in Mahwah, NJ. John included his e-mail address: [johnneb@idt.net](mailto:johnneb@idt.net). • Congratulations to **Dorie Krawiec Cusick** and husband, Billy, on the birth of their daughter, Jillian Elizabeth. The Cusicks live in Sudbury. Can't wait to meet her! • **Cyndi Bigelow** wrote that she was recently promoted to VP of operations at R.C. Bigelow, Inc. in Fairfield, CT. • **Catherine Curtin** and her husband, Peter, became parents of a second child, Jessica. They live in Manomet. • **Rob Eberly** and wife, Kathleen, recently became parents of a son, Michael Patrick. Thanks for the update! • **Pat Rocco, MD** is a thoracic and general surgeon with New Britain Surgical Group in CT. He and his wife have four children: twin boys, Anthony and Austin, and two daughters, Deanna and Audra. • The NY-based law firm of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner announced the appointment of **Candace Cunningham** as real estate associate in the firm's Hartford office. Candace's practice concentrates on the structuring, negotiating, restructure and workout transactions. • **Lise Ann Guay Bhatia, MD** is a pediatric ophthalmologist. She and husband, Jay, have four children: Sonya, Monica, Kyle and Jason. They live in IL. • News arrived from **Greg Rossi** with a Gray House update. Greg and his wife, Beth, live in Sugarland, TX, which is close to Houston. They became parents of a son last July, Evan Gregory. Greg has left the hotel industry to start his own consulting firm. Best of luck. News on other Gray House residents: **Joe and Kim Mays Kropf** live in Burlington, VT with their two boys, Mason and Quinn. **Jack Kelley** and wife, Jennifer, live in Singapore with their baby daughter, Alexandria. **Sam Flemister, MD** and wife, Monique, moved to Cooperstown, NY where Sam is an orthopedic surgeon. They have two children, Nicholas and Sydney. **Dave Fitzsimmons** and wife, Sheila, moved back to Stratford, CT where Fitz works for a branch of IBM. They have two children, Timothy and Erin. **Brian Lynch** and wife, Lynne, moved to Atlanta with their two sons, Kevin and Patrick. Brian continues to work for Rehrig Pacific. **Gary and Catherine McDonough** live in NJ with their three children, Andrew, Ellen and Mary. Gary works for The Bank of Nova Scotia in NYC. **Rick**

**Vanderslice** is a doctor in Washington, DC. Thanks for all the news, Greg! • The Class sends its condolences to the families of **Thomas Durkin** and **Keith Wind**, who both passed away within the last year.

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**Jonathan R. Goldsmith** is a partner in the law firm of Hendel, Collins & Newton PC in Springfield. Jonathan is married to Susan Marlys Goldsmith, and has three sons, Paul, Samuel and Stephen. • **Kevin McKeon** is a shareholder in the New Jersey office of the Philadelphia law firm, Marshall, Dennehey, et. al, and is living in South Jersey. No kids, just two big dogs! • **Susan LaMonica Pash** works at Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC as a senior VP in human resources. Susan has two children, 5 and 3, with a third on the way. • **Kathryn Considine McGowan** and her husband, John, had a baby girl, Maeve Terese, on Aug. 1, 1996. She joins her brother, James John. The family is about to move into their first house where James' room will be completely decorated with NY Yankee paraphernalia, since he has been their #1 fan for 2 years of his 3-year-long life. James wanted to name his baby sister "Don Mattingly McGowan!" Kathryn is on leave from teaching kindergarten in the NYC school system. • **Margaret Rooney Fuller** and her husband, Sam, moved to Darien from Westport, CT. They have three children: Amanda, 6, Sam, 4 and Julia, 2. In their free time, they've been doing some sailing; they now have the massive job of expanding and renovating their house. This is the third house they've rebuilt or built in eight years, so they're getting used to it! • **Rocio Urbina** is a senior medical technologist at Mass. General Hospital, and husband, Dan Protasowiki, is a principal database administrator at Fidelity Investments. They've been married since '84 and have three children: Isabel, 8, Stefanie, 5 and Natalie, 2. • **Luisa Frey Gaynor** writes that this is her fourth year freelance writing, specializing in travel and cruises. Luisa and her husband, John, took their daughter, Alexandra, 4, on her second cruise this summer. She loved the southern Caribbean islands and is becoming

an "old salt!" Other travels this year included the Bahamas, New Orleans, Chicago, Wisconsin, and Luisa's favorite island still: Martha's Vineyard. Luisa can be reached via e-mail at [lfgaynor@aol.com](mailto:lfgaynor@aol.com). • **Jean Fitzpatrick Wright** lives in Needham with her husband, Jeff '75, and children, Brigid, 5 and Bobby, 3. Jean is enjoying her position as a full-time mom. • **Marianne Lucas Lescher** and her husband, Fred '81, moved to Chandler, AZ, and are in the process of building their dream house in Gilbert, AZ with lots of space for visitors! Marianne was recently appointed director of curriculum & instruction for the Kyrene School District; she completed her PhD at BC last fall. • **Bill Carroll** recently joined EMCI (Entertainment Marketing & Communications) as senior director of business development. Bill is responsible for the sale of corporate sponsorships in support of music tours, i.e. Rolling Stones, Billy Joel and Elton John, Eric Clapton and Lilith Fair, among others. He says he's still single and living in New York, and "Hello to S.B. '92." • **Lisa Montenegro** works at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as an anesthesiologist and critical care physician. She's going back to school for a master's in epidemiology. Lisa lives in Wynnewood, PA with her husband, Harry Seifert, also an anesthesiologist, and their spoiled dog, Merlin. • **Mary C. Mahmoud** has been a self-employed accountant since '89, and is divorced with two children. She bought her first house in July '97. She says she had a great time at the 10 year reunion and can't wait for the 15th! • **Barbara J. Fleck** is serving with the Peace Corps in Ecuador. • **Margaret M. O'Connell** is a senior software engineer at Lotus Development Corp. in Cambridge. • **Kevin J. Queally, Jr.** is a first VP with Merrill Lynch in Wellesley. He was married in June '96 on Nantucket to Jennifer D. Tinkler, BC Law '92. Their first child, Caroline, was born Aug. 5, 1997. The wedding was attended by classmates Dave Fitton, Mike Donnelly, Tom Greenfield, Bill Joyce and Ron Greene. • **Frank and Janet Casale Sweeney** are enjoying life in Marblehead with their two girls, Molly, 3 and Mia, 1. Frank is a finance manager at Fidelity Investments, and Janet is a marketing director at Putnam Investments in Boston. • **Frank Walley** moved to West Roxbury and is president of Walley Insurance in Dedham. Frank teaches finance at the Carroll School of Management. • **Charlotte Connors Arnold** works for TJX



Companies in Framingham as a finance manager, and has two boys, Connor, 5 and Hunter, 2. Charlotte and her husband, Steve, built a house in Boxborough—and the builder was **Bruce Wheeler**. The house is beautiful, and Charlotte highly recommends Bruce! • **Maureen C. Flanagan** and her husband, Michael, live in Milton with their son, Tom, who is in kindergarten. Maureen is job sharing a fourth grade teaching position at the Tucker School in Milton. • **Mary Callahan Jay** and husband, Allan, had their third child, Janine Rose, in April '96. She joins brothers Brian, 9 and Derek, 6. Maureen's former roommate, **Maura Shea**, is manager of the emergency department of Yale-New Haven Hospital. Maura lives in Avon, CT. • **Peter and Cindy Radoccia Bellafigliore** moved back to Rhode Island from Vermont with their children, Anthony, 5 and Paul, 3. Peter is busy with his neurology practice in Wakefield, and Cindy is taking a break from law practice and is busy being a mom. • **James Kennedy** has lived in Texas for four years and is director of women's footwear sales for Timberland Co. James' wife, Mara, stays at home to raise their sons, Conor, 4 and Mack, 3. She is currently supervising the renovation of their 90-year-old home.

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Last Nov., **Jeannine Acocella Zuppi** received a doctorate in clinical psychology from Seton Hall Univ. She is working as a psychotherapist at the Karen Hoiney Clinic where she treats adults, adolescents and children. In addition, she is a degree candidate at the American Institute for Psychoanalysis. • Mary and **Joe Baldiga** welcomed the birth of their first child, Lucy Porter, last June 28. They reside in Westborough. • **Brian A. Joyce** and his wife, Mary '83, had a busy few last months. They recently celebrated the birth of their fifth child, Andrew. In addition, Brian was elected to the Mass. Senate last year. • Watch for upcoming reunion news—it's hard to believe our 15th reunion is approaching. Those of you wishing to send updates via email can forward information to Alumni.Comments@bc.edu, and it will be forwarded to me. Remember

to mention Class of '84 in the message. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable summer! I have some very exciting news about three of my very special friends from BC Class of '86! **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi** and her husband, Ray, have a new baby, Anna Maureen. Anna has a great big sister, Laura, 2. Gretchen lives in Fairfax, VA and works as an editor in Washington, DC. She received a master's in journalism from Northwestern Univ. • **Maureen Connaughton Apap** and her husband, Paul, also have a new baby; Teddy was born in Feb. and joins his brother, Tommy, 2. Maureen is a "retired" second grade teacher living in Bloomfield Hills, MI. • My last bit of good news from my old BC buddies is from **Mary Lou Burke and Paul Afonso** who were engaged recently and will be married this winter in Boston! Lou Lou is the regional VP of 55 daycare centers in the Northeast, and Paul has an import/export consulting firm. Bruce and I send our best regards to these three great couples on all of their good news! Congrats! • Thanks to **Lynda Couch Kerdasha** for writing with lots of news! Lynda and her husband, Ron, live in Bel Air, MD where Lynda raises her two children, Brian, 6, and Jamie, 3. She reports that **Judy Buckley Hayman** and her husband, Hank, live in Marblehead and have two daughters. • **Mary O'Shea Eckert** and her husband, Ray, live in Summit, NJ with their two sons. • Ed and **Liane McCarthy** live in Glen Rock, NJ with their three children: Ryan, Matthew and Michael. Lynda would love to hear from **Jill Slayton**, so Jill, write to me or Lynda if you can! Thanks again for writing, Lynda. • I am really disappointed to report that Lynda was the only person to write to me this quarter! Come on guys: make it a priority this summer to drop me a line! I know you all enjoy reading

the column (it is the *most* read section of the entire magazine!) so please give me some info. • Another tidbit, for those of you who knew Dave Girioni '85: he is engaged to **Kelly Buckley**, and will be getting married this summer! Congrats to Dave, who had lots of friends in our class! • Hope to hear from you and that all is well! Thanks!

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Hello! First, a quick apology for the brevity of my last column. There was a computer malfunction, and most of the column was lost. So, we're going to include two columns worth of news this time! • Big congratulations to my former roommate and good friend, **Molly Martin**, who was married to William Alvarado in Oct. at St. Ignatius. Fellow classmates who attended were Julie Stamos and Hank Murphy '86, Shawn Curren Widell, Eric and Laurie Slifka, Rob Sabella, George Roper, Janet Woodka, Betsy Croke Comproni, Mark and Karen Mendalka Hoernerr, Mike and Karen McKenzie Gorman and Joe and Roxana Vasallo Perry. It was great seeing everyone at such a fun occasion! Molly and William live in Quincy; Molly is a legal assistant at Posternak, Blankstein and Lund in Boston. • Congratulations are also due to Molly on being re-elected as class treasurer. Other new officers are **Maureen O'Brien Morse**, secretary, and **Paul Calitri and Kim Wyson Huhndorf**, co-chairs. Our thanks go out to **Damian Grozier, Michelle Johnson and Julie Stamos** for their hard work over the past several years as officers. • I received a great letter from **Lisa Molina Heaps** who has been living in Guam for over a year. Her husband, Bob '85, is an orthopedic surgeon in the Navy. They have two children, Caitlin, 3 and Maggie, 1. They've traveled around Asia. Lisa has the following updates: **Melina Gerosa** is entertainment editor for *Ladies Home Journal*, and is interviewing stars (including Mel Gibson!); **Suzanne Lavin O'Connor** and husband, Tom, welcomed Brandan, who joins brother, Tommy; **Aileen Mitchell Magee** and husband, Chris, had a girl, Ally, in July and live in Havertown, PA; Don and **Agnes Gillin Gayhardt** had a son, Peter, who joins brother,

Kevin; Paul and **Annie Navarro Gelines** live in Longmeadow, and had a baby girl, Jill, who joins Simone and Ben. • I received a great letter from **Shawn Dombrowski** who, along with his wife **Christine Smith Dombrowski**, deserves a big round of congratulations: they just had twins! Megan and Ryan both came in at 5 lbs., 13 ounces and 20 inches long! They join older brothers Robby and Mikey. They have been living on the Cape for over a year now and love it. Shawn is still working for Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages, and things are terrific. • Congratulations also to **Diane Markart DeSantis** who married Dorian DeSantis on Memorial Day. They live in Washington DC; she is a senior accountant for Marriott International at their headquarters in Bethesda, MD. Diane has been with Marriott for ten years, and is also a new stepmother to Tiffany, 6. • **Mary Lee Bolan** resigned as director of financial aid at a small private educational institution to join the world of professional consulting. She's living in Quincy and sees **Mike and Kelly Aherne Garveau, Cheryl Radachowsky, Jeanne Harney and Chris Greco**. • **Shawn Hestler**, who recently published an instructional article for *Golf Digest*, is a PGA golf professional, and presently a member of Kostis/McCord instructional staff at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. Shawn is married to Ellen McGovern Hestler of Franklin. • **Enza Ricera** works with Merck & Co., Inc. as a market development associate in the metabolic bone disease area. She received her MBA from Lehigh Univ. in Dec. '96, and visits family and friends in Boston often. • **Christine Calvert Spaulding** is a senior loan production specialist with Bank America Mortgage, a division of Bank of America. She lives in Andover with her husband, Andy. • **Peter Pazella** works for Lexington Insurance Co. in Boston as an insurance executive, and lives in Milford with his wife, Kathleen. • **Aimee Walker Nicolai** married Raymond Nicolai Jr.; they live in Erie, PA. Aimee works as a marketing specialist at Erie Insurance Group; she received her MBA from Gannon Univ. in Erie in May '95. • **Ivelisse Iguina** graduated from law school at Catholic Univ. of Puerto Rico in '90 and married fellow attorney, Juan Gonzalez. She earned her LLM in energy and environment from Tulane Univ. in May '94, and works at the Solid Waste Management Authority as an attorney. She and Juan welcomed Natalia in Oct. '95. Ivelisse teaches environ-



ment law at Catholic Univ. of PR. • **Paul C. Fitzgerald** unwillingly re-located from sunny San Diego to Pensacola, FL where he is an instructor pilot with Navy Squadron Three. He'd been a US Coast Guard Falcon Jet instructor for the past four and a half years. • **Michelle Dusseault Foster** gave birth to her second daughter, Skye Athena Carter, in Sept. '96. Her first daughter, Guinevere, was born in May '94. Michelle works at developing houses for homeless families in London where she's lived for ten years. • **Julie-Anne Evangelista** received her MS in pediatric nursing from BC in '90. She works as a pediatric nurse practitioner in pediatric cardiology at New England Medical Center. She has published many research articles for national journals, and is a faculty lecturer for the BC SON graduate program. • **Tara Bergen** moved from San Diego, where she lived for eight years, to Chicago. She still works for Abbott Laboratories, and received a promotion from sales into marketing. She married Jeff Hamburger in March '97, who also works for Abbott Labs. • **Michelle Litavis Guzowski** has her own art consulting business, ATL Art Associates. She and husband, Rick, have a little girl, Annica, and live in Hopkinton with their two golden retrievers, Roxy and Bronte. • **Rev. Louis Palmieri** attended St. John's Seminary from '89-'93, and was ordained a priest by Bernard Cardinal Law at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in May '93. He is serving as parish priest at St. Bridget's in Abington. • **James Considine** received his MBA from Columbia Business School in '94, and is VP at J.P. Morgan Securities. • To answer several inquiries I've had about using e-mail to send me your updates, I do not have an e-mail address yet, but please feel free to send information to the Alumni Association at AlumniComments@bc.edu; they will forward it to me for inclusion in the next notes. As a reminder, the turnaround time for inclusion is about six months due to publishing deadlines (my next deadline is June 1, for example). That's all the news for now. Thanks to all who took the time to write. This is still the "most read" and "first read" section of the BC Magazine according to the Alumni Association, so please drop a note or e-mail of your news for the next issue. Have a great summer!

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Due to an extraordinary circumstance, your news for the Class of '88 alumnates will appear in the next issue. I apologize for delaying your broadcast, but am ecstatic to announce that the extraordinary circumstance is named Isabel Joy Ksenak. Isabel graced my husband, **Steve Ksenak**, and myself on Feb. 18 (right around the magazine's publication deadline). Despite her impeccable timing (born during the Winter Olympics) and her 19 1/2 inch, 8 pound, 6 ounce athletic frame, Steve and I decided against naming her "Picabo." I vow to get your news in the next issue even if it means typing all 900 words with one hand, as Isabel sleeps in the other, as she is doing right now. • **Lynda Grant** reports that, contrary to the reporting in the last issue of *BCM*, she is alive and well and living in the suburbs. She hoped to see everyone at the Reunion. *Editor's note: We received erroneous information from Alumni Records concerning Lynda; we regret the error and apologize for any confusion it may have caused.*

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Hi everyone! As your new class correspondent, I look forward to hearing from all of you. Thanks to **Joanne Foley** for her many years of writing this column and for forwarding all of the following information. • In Sept., **Jennifer Surro** married David McNeil of Pittsford, NY at Our Lady of Grace Church in Chatham. **Maureen McCann Whiting** was co-matron of honor, and **Susan MacNamara** and **Amy Horan Corda** were on hand to celebrate. The reception was held at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster. In Dec., Jennifer was promoted to group manager at Brodeur Porter Novelli, a PR firm in downtown Boston. Jen can be reached at jmcneil@brodeur.com. • **Walda Keohane** is currently working in Boston at CSA Financial, an equipment leasing/financial company. She

also enjoyed working with the BC Young Alumni Club last year. Walda's brother, **Trevor Keohane**, moved to Ireland in March and works for CSA Financial in Dublin. • **Jane MacLellan** married Chris Rohan (P.C. '89) on June 21 at the Lanam Club in Andover. **Lisa Blandau**, **Margaret Reilly**, **Jane Flood Miller** and Walda Keohane were all in attendance. The couple resides in Swampscott. Jane is currently working as an acupuncturist in Marblehead, and Chris is a manager at Fidelity Investments in Boston. • In Aug., **Shelley Richmond** married Scott Joseph. In attendance were **Corinne Gill**, who was a bridesmaid, Anne Marie Reagan Wagner, Matt Tuttle, Bob and Sue Galvin '88, Darrell Walsh, Eric Akesson, Kelley Kanan Cunningham, John Grassel, Jeff Caldwell, Dan and Mary Taylor Crogan, Georgia Critsley and Connie Naya Cangialosi. • **Michael Pieroni** was recently named head coach of the Boston Athletic Association's running club. Michael, who lives in Boston, was a former distance runner at BC. • **Lisa Connell McNamara** is no longer working as a nurse at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. She and her husband, John, are keeping busy with twins, Meghan and Sarah, 3, and their brother, Johnny, 2. They recently attended the wedding of **Kim Kieswetter** who married Christopher Drew at the Harvard Club in Boston. Many former classmates were also in attendance including bridesmaids **Lisa Dallenbach** and **Laura Pollack Salamone**. Lisa is a category manager for L'Oreal and currently lives in NYC. Laura and husband, Gionni, have a 5-month-old daughter, Gabrielle. Here's the scoop on the other guests: **Maura Barbanti** is working for Coca-Cola and attending graduate school at Simmons College. **Rick and Caroline Pasman Craig**, who along with son Tristan, 21 months, are moving from Georgetown, MA to San Francisco. **Caroline Lord** is a manager of retirement plans for Putnam. She is living in Brighton and attending graduate school at Suffolk. **Mollie Schell** is a business development manager for Gillette. She is currently living in Brighton and recently received her MBA from BC. **Tom O'Hara** is an appraiser for Joseph Blake and is also living in Brighton. **Terry and Laurel Reynolds Link** celebrated their first anniversary on Labor Day weekend. Laurel is a human resources director at Fidelity. **Julie Dudley** is living and working in Michigan. Newly married (Aug. '97) **Laine Podell-**

**Camino** and husband, Rick, flew in from San Francisco. **Valerie Serino** is a buyer for Wild Pair and is currently living in St. Louis, MO. **Laurie O'Brien Troutman** flew in "stag" from Pittsburgh, PA to attend. She left newborn son, Jack, at home under the care of husband, Jeff. Sounds like a mini BC reunion! • **Lynn Walker Whalen** and husband, Scott, are living in Chelmsford. They just welcomed their second daughter, Lilie Aerin, in July. Older sister Kylie turned 3 in Feb. • **Joyce Tabora Krasnow** and husband, Ken, celebrated their daughter Claudia Hannah's first birthday in Dec. • **Chris and Chrissy Lincoln Murphy** are living in Savannah, GA with their two children, Ryan, 3 and Sydney, 18 months. • **Sharon Phillips Beltrand Del Rio** and husband, Hector, celebrated their second anniversary in July. They are moving from Seattle, WA to Copenhagen, Denmark. • **Mary Beth Mikel Randall** and husband, Jonathan, welcomed daughter Emily Grace into the world on Feb. 11; Her big brother, Colin, is 2.

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I have a little bragging to do before I get started. My husband, Scott, and I welcomed our first son, Connor Scott Nelson, into this world on Dec. 9, 1997. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 22 inches. He's a beautiful boy (though, as you can imagine, I'm rather biased!). Thanks for indulging me. • Connor's Godfather, **Ken Forton**, traveled all the way from St. Louis to see him. Ken works for a law firm there, but plans to attend law school in the fall. • **Brian Hammer** is in the second year of his PhD program at Univ. of Michigan—he will take his preliminary exams this spring (*Good luck Tom!*) Brian's wife, Tracy, teaches second grade. • Since graduation **Larissa Castriotta** has completed a year of study at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China. She managed an executive MBA-type program for mid-level Chinese managers in Shanghai. She returned to the US in Dec. '96 to complete the requirements for a master's degree in modern Chinese literature. • **Susanne Coulter Smith** married



husband, Charles, in Aug. '95. They now live in Sewanee, GA with their son, Pierce, who was born June 11, 1997. Susanne has been teaching first and second grade for the past six years, but took a year off to be a full-time mom. • **Inga Wronski** and husband, Stephan '91, celebrated the arrival of their son, Nicholas Robert, on Sept. 29, 1997. • **Robert Leonard** is chief financial advisor, portfolio manager and partner at FinArc LLC Investment Management, an investment management firm. • **Erika Brown** has been a visiting assistant professor for three years on BC's business law faculty and was recently named to a tenure-track position. Erika has taught introductory law courses, as well as those on international and insurance law. After graduating from BC, she received her law degree from Univ. of Miami, and a master of laws from London School of Economics. • **Jean Marc Dangle** is working in the marketing department of PepsiCo in Madrid. • After six years of marriage, **Beth and Mike Conway** gave birth to their first child, Jack Conway, on Aug. 13 in Boston. His Godparents include Matthew Conway '95 and **Michael Zicari**. Beth is staying at home with Jack, and Mike is working at Merrill Lynch as an institutional equities salesman. • **Evan Charles Hines** is married to Erica and has two daughters, Evanna and Ellisha. He received a master's degree in theological studies from BU and preached for a number of years in the Boston area. Evan most recently served as youth pastor at Eliot Church in Boston. He received his second master's degree in public administration from Baruch College in New York. Evan is currently assistant to the CFO at Local Initiatives Support Corp. He can be contacted via e-mail at [chines@liscnet.org](mailto:chines@liscnet.org). • The updates were a little lean this quarter! Send me an e-mail when you get the chance.

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Hi everyone; hope you all have a wonderful summer ahead of you. Here's your update: **Timothy O'Regan** is in the Peace Corps in Chile. • **Betsey Grady Royston** and her husband, Tim, welcomed the birth of their second child, John Paul Jack on Feb. 24. • **Molly Bosco**

was engaged to Michael O'Connor Dec. 6 in Koln, Germany. The wedding will take place Oct. 17. • **Thy Ton** and **Arthur Lee** were married Sept. 13 in Randolph. **Dr. Tim Gendron** was the best man, and **Mike Takacs** was the groomsman. **Mihwa Park** was the maid of honor, and **Lauri Yao** was the bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance were: Dr. Trung Doan, Dr. Natalie Ngo, Kai Chan, Stanley Gong, Rob Pescatore, Edenia Ham, Fran Linda Khuon, Jill Grabowski Takacs, Carol Kinan, Luciano Morelli, Walton Chan and MaryEllen Gunn Coffey. The couple lives in Malden. • **Elizabeth Bea Maloney Kaleva** and her husband, Joel, became the parents of a baby girl, Madeline Paige, on Sept. 17. Bea is assistant general counsel at the Montana School Boards Association. • **Sheree Nuccio** was married to Keith Winans on July 26. Two of her bridesmaids were **Peg Morin** and **Sheila Ring Rinaldi**, who attended with her husband, Tony. Also in attendance from '91 were: Sheila Duggan, Louise Corcoran, Karen Kalokira Sunderhaft with her husband, Dave '92, and Julie Tevis-Finn with her husband, Michael. Sheree and Keith live in her hometown of Enfield, CT where they bought a house. She teaches fourth grade in Enfield. • **Sheila Duggan** married John Kettlewell on Aug. 16. • **Kim Scott Chagnon** and her husband, Andrew, had their first boy on Dec. 9. • **Fran Bateman Bisselle** and her husband, Andy, welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Agnes Spear Bisselle, on Feb. 5. She weighed in at 9 lbs., 6 oz. and 21 inches. She looks exactly like her sister, Lucy, who is 13 months old. • **Cathy Onoyan Carney** is living in Boston with her husband, John. Their first child, Shannon Marie, was born Aug. 29. Cathy is working and pursuing a master's in nursing. • **MaryEllen Gunn Coffey** and her husband, Bill, had their first child, Liam Thomas, on July 26. MaryEllen is on maternity leave for the school year from her sixth grade teaching position in Norwell. She, for the time being, is working part time as an assistant principal at the same school. • **Laura Gricus** got engaged on her birthday last Feb. She and her fiancé, Paul Deitel, bought a house in Mansfield. • **Jeffrey Cianciolo** and his wife, Heather, had their first child, Cameron, on Feb. 4. • **Kathy Miller** is working on her PhD in math education at Univ. of Maryland, College Park. • **Melissa Schwab Rwambuya** received her MBA this May from Columbia Univ. • **Scott**

**Gold** and **Arnold Sookram**, who both live and work in NYC, were inspired to write about their BC friends on New Year's Eve: **Eric Olson** married **Angela Ng** in Oct. '95; they live in Ridgewood, NJ. **Brain McGovern** met his wife, Miranda, in Colorado; they married in Vermont and live in Chico, CA. **Marty Keaveny** and **Teresa Breen** married and live in Watertown. **Carla Ciarocchi** and Peter Fox married in '95 and live in Newton. **Tim McNulty** met Chi Park in NYC; they married in Oct. in Bryn Mawr, PA, and live in Cologne, Germany. **Paul Kelly** and his wife, Liz '90, married on New Year's Eve '95 and reside in Portland, ME. **Chris Beetel** has a law degree and lives in Maryland. **John Padilla** got married in March in Santa Barbara, CA. **Dave Voght** spent three years in Caracas, Venezuela; he now lives in Washington, DC. • **Laura Smith** married John Harrington Dec. 2, 1995; they had their first son, Sean Jr., on July 8. They live in Westwood. • Seems like there's a lot of baby news! Congratulations to you all!

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I hope everyone is looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled summer. Most of these following notes are part of the "lost notes" series. They were misplaced and are now being printed an issue late. Accept my apologies. • **Gerri Glynn** married Dave Randlett April 12 at St. Ignatius. **Nicole DeRico** and Jackie La Fuente '91 were in the wedding party. Other BC alumni in attendance included **Heather Gilmartin**, Rob Murray '90, Jill Mulare '94, Andi Quinn '91 and Joe DeAngelo '96. Gerri got her master's in higher education and administration at BC in '96. She is currently assistant director of admission at Babson College and lives in Needham. • **Patrick and Anacristina Crowley Kenney** were married Sept. 1, 1996 in Milton. Their wedding party included many BC alumni including: Melissa Hug McInnis, Marty McInnis (who was supposed to be a '92 grad, but left to play for the US Olympic hockey team), Stacey Feeley, Mary Strabel, Lisa Forger, Beth Donahoe Rooney, Colin McLane, Jeff Hug, Tom Caputo and Chris Taylor. • **Amanda Franks** accepted a new position with

Ferring Pharmaceuticals in June. • **Dimitrios Angelis**, aka *Meech*, will be studying international law at New York Univ. this fall. • **Richard Smith** is a product manager at Dr. Solomon's Anti-Virus Software. • **Debbie Volpe** married **Matt Hogan** in August '96 at St. Ignatius. There were a lot of BC people there. **Dan Koughan** was the best man, and **Mike Healy** and **Thomas O'Shea** were ushers. **Donna Volpe** was the maid of honor, and **Liz Burgess** was a bridesmaid. Debbie and Matt bought a new house in Ashland. Debbie is the assistant director of athletics for compliance at Harvard Univ. Matt graduated from BC Law and work as an associate corporate lawyer at Posternak, Blankstein and Lund in Boston. • **Dina Strada** is living in L.A. and loving her little place in Hermosa Beach. She's a production coordinator in special EFX on DreamWork's first animated feature film, "*The Prince of Egypt*," which will be coming out this Nov. • **Stephen Baiter** has been living in San Francisco for the past five years. He has been working in Menlo Park at a job training center where he coordinates employment and school-to-work programs for at-risk youth. • **Jack Lowe** finished law school at Golden Gate Univ. and passed the CA bar exam in '96. • **Dave Miller** is finishing his MBA at Univ. of Chicago and is getting married this summer in Greece. • **Jason Leong** married Keahi Moku at St. Patrick Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. • **Sarah A. Duffley** is serving in the Peace Corps in the country of Malawi. • **Michael Mullaney** has joined the Braintree-based Nellie Mae as project manager in the sales department. • I should be emailing out the newest edition of our class email list soon. If anyone wants to get added to the list, please email me at the above email address. Thanks, and enjoy a great summer!

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The Class of '94 has been very busy lately. I won't keep y'all waiting: **Brian McEvoy**, who has taken over his family's landscaping business, recently sent me an interesting update on two classmates: **Robert Kennedy, Jr.** and **Christopher Rueben Smith** are gearing up to complete "Jumping Jacks Across America," a project to raise awareness for the California Sea Otter, the California Marbled Murrelet, and other endangered species indigenous to the Redwood Region of Humboldt County, CA. They are planning on leaving from Washington, DC (where Bob is an attorney) and traveling across 13 states, where they will attempt to do 500 jumping jacks in 25 different cities. The event will culminate with the 1998 Earth Day Rally on April 22 in Humboldt County where they will hopefully meet Governor Pete Wilson! They have really garnered a lot of national support for this great cause; we wish them the best of luck in their endeavor. Thanks, Brian, for the terrific update. • Congratulations to **Brian King** and **Jeanine Christiansen '95**, who were engaged in Dec.; they're planning a July wedding. • **Betsi Orem** and **Brian Cogan** were married in April '97 and are currently living in Bethesda, MD. The bridal party had some BC grads, including **Ann Boehler**, **Daniela DeLuca** and **Melanie Zimmerman**.

Ann is an associate editor at *Walking* magazine in Boston and lives in Coolidge Corner; and Daniela is an art teacher in Andover. Melanie recently was engaged to Chris Zemen '93; they are planning an Oct. '98 wedding and are living in MD. • **Jennifer Lahr**, a CPA at KPMG Peat Marwick, married Ted English in Sept. '97. The bridal party included **Amy Ambark**, **Ann Boehler** and **Morgan McLaughlin**. Jennifer and Ted are living in Brookline. Amy, who recently passed the MA Bar Exam is working at Tac Worldwide Co. in Newton. Morgan also was married this year: in Oct. to Nathaniel Smith. She is managing McLaughlin Vineyards in Newton. • **Carolyn Healy** will marry Keith Lawless in Sept. She is working at Sun Life in Wellesley. **Jen Hofgartner-Morford**, one of the bridesmaids, completed her master's in environmental chemistry at Univ.

of Washington and is writing her thesis for her PhD. If anyone wants to keep in touch with Carolyn, her email address is [cheal@sunlife.com](mailto:cheal@sunlife.com).

• **Jennifer Bono** recently got engaged and is planning a May wedding. • **Kelly Keefer** is working at Vail Associates in Vail, CO. • **Shannon Crotty** took a year's leave of absence from Deloitte & Touche to join JVC. Shannon is living in Tacoma, WA, counseling mothers with substance abuse problems and their children. • Harris Beach & Wilcox, LLP accepted **William A. Star** into their Connecticut office in early Dec. William received his law degree from Hofstra Univ. School of Law. • **Bill Barrett** will graduate from UVA School of Law this spring. He has accepted a position at Shearman & Sterling in New York. He is excited to be coming back to the Northeast and getting in touch with lost friends. Good luck, Bill. • **Kevin Durkin** recently started an MBA program at Univ. of Chicago. • **Joe McGlinchey** began a psychology PhD program at Univ. of Washington. • **Gayle Phadungchai** will complete her final year of med school at Georgetown. • **Sharon Friedman** is teaching abroad in Switzerland at the American School. • **Tracy Nansel** and her husband, Chris Burk '93, moved with their son, Jonathan, 1, to Minneapolis. • **Antonia Moser** is finishing her PhD in English at Vanderbilt. • I haven't had a chance to thank everyone personally for all the news you send me. Without you writing in and sharing your information, this column would not be possible. Thanks a lot to everyone who has written! Enjoy the summer.

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**Luke Orefice** is working in SoHo, NYC as assistant to the publisher of *Out* magazine. Thanks for the copy Luke, it was great! His e-mail address is [outadav@aol.com](mailto:outadav@aol.com) if anyone wants to write! Luke keeps in touch with many alumni, and was thoughtful enough to give us their updates. • **Johanna Habib** also lives in Manhattan where she works for Common Ground Community, a non-profit organization that houses and works with homeless and disadvantaged individuals. This job sounds very similar to the work Johanna did

with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; keep up the good work, Johanna! • **Adam Kelly** just moved to Boston to start his own business after living in NYC for two years. For a brief time, Adam was working with Luke in the advertising department at *Out* magazine. • **Joe Jasmine Diliberto** is pursuing a master's in marketing in Brussels. Since graduation, Jasmine has lived in Switzerland, Berlin and Abu Dhabi before moving to Brussels to study. Sounds very exciting! • **Amy LeValley** is living in Charlotte, NC where she completed her master's in education and is teaching second grade. • **Dianne Markovits** is also living in Charlotte, where she is completing her master's at UNC Charlotte and teaching an undergraduate class in special education. • **Kristen Healey** lives in Beacon Hill and is in her third year of teaching at the Chestnut Hill School, where she also heads the after-school program. • **Marilu Peck** has completed two master's degrees at Columbia Teacher's College and is now teaching in Fairfield County, CT. • **Brent Marletti** is living in the oh-so beautiful Manhattan Beach, CA and working for Solex America, an international freight forwarding and logistics company in Carson. Brent is a sales and marketing rep. • **Anton A. van Troostenburg** has been working as an information systems manager for a pharmaceuticals company in Switzerland for the past three years. He was married last Oct. 11 to Anne-Ruth Ehland, a medical doctor from Bremen (Germany). The couple is now living in Lugano, Switzerland and plan on relocating to the USA or UK to begin graduate studies. Reunited for Anton's wedding were **Anthony DeHeinrich**, **Tessa Grazzini**, **Bruno Donat** and **Stephanie Leal**. Congratulations, Anton and Anne-Ruth! • Boston College ranks 76th out of the top 200 colleges across the country who have alumni serving in the Peace Corps overseas. From the Class of '95, we have five exceptional alumni currently serving throughout the world: **Maurice Aroy** and **Jennifer Logan** are in the Dominican Republic; **Meghan McSorely** is in Madagascar; **Michael Davis** is in Zambia; **Sarah Galligan** is in Guinea-Bissau; and **Robert Sherman** is in Kazakhstan. • Congratulations to Navy Ensign **Michael Rodman** who recently received his commission as a Naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. • Congratulations also go to Marine 2nd Lt. **Graig Paglieri** who recently re-

turned from a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. Welcome home, Graig! • **Art Swift** is living in the SoHo section of NYC and is deputy director of policy and research for New York State Lt. Governor Betsy McCaughey Ross. Art finished a master's degree in American history from Columbia Univ. last year and is looking forward to an exciting year as McCaughey Ross runs for governor of New York.

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Happy summer to all! Many of our classmates have been engaging in exciting endeavors across the world.

• We have many classmates volunteering, including **Mareissa Longo** in Seattle with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. **Dan Dobbins** is also with the JVC, serving in Phoenix, AZ. **Kate Riddle** teaches English in Ecuador. Volunteering with the Peace Corps are **Thomas Hunt** in Guinea-Bissau, **Justin Ego**ville in Honduras, **Amy Scanlon** in Belize, **Frank Maloney** in Kenya, **Amy Schoeffield** in Mauritania, **John Healey** in Samoa, **Jason Demerjian** in Armenia, **Leah Jones** in Malawi, and finally, **Sarah Vincent** in Tonja. • **Mary McDow** has taken her service with Habitat for Humanity very seriously; she currently is a full-time staff member as the construction coordinator in Phoenix. • **Dave Telep** works in human resources with GE Capital in Connecticut. • **Erin Purcell** has recently been appointed as account representative to colleges and universities for [jobfind.com](http://jobfind.com). Patrick Russell, president of [jobfind.com](http://jobfind.com), shared boasting reports about his new employee: "Erin possesses a tremendous aptitude for marketing and public relations." Way to go, Erin! • **Gina Davis** has also been on the move around our world. Gina has recently returned to Los Angeles from a seven-month stay in Kenya. While living in the capital city, Nairobi, Gina worked on a film produced by Hallmark Entertainment and National Geographic, entitled "*Forbidden Territory*." Currently Gina works for the *Palisadian Post*, pursuing her passion for writing. • **Rebecca Sanford** also has great news. In May she graduated from grad school at BC, and will be attending UConn



Medical School in the fall. She will also be married in June. Congratulations, Rebecca. • Finally, **Lee Fitzpatrick** will finish acting school in June, and will make her theatrical debut in New York in the fall. Stay posted for an update. • In June, I will finish my two years with the Inner City Teaching Corps, and will be heading to the West Coast for law school. Please keep in touch on any fun adventure you embark upon, or any recent update on your life. Have a wonderful summer!

## 97

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Congratulations Class of '97!! We made it through a whole year of living in "the real world." Just think, it was at this time last year when we stepped out of the cocoon of college life and blinked in the sunlight of our future. Let's take a look at where our first steps have taken us so far. • A quick T ride from the Heights, we find **Robyn Winters**, **Linda Song** and **Jeff Tolonen** living together in Brookline. Robyn is working for Arnold Communications in their new business department, Linda for Shandwick Golin Harris public relations and Jeff for Andersen Consulting. • Nearby in Brighton lives **Julie Tucker** who works for Wiltel Communications, and **Jessica Donsky** who works at Cell Press in Cambridge. • Also in the Boston area are **Tucker Stine**, who lives with **Pete Ekowicki** and **Phil Whiting**. Tucker is working for Gearon Hoffman Advertising, Phil for Coopers & Lybrand and Pete for Sun Microsystems. • Another trio living close by is **Regan Barnett**, **Amy Lewis** and **Erin Messier**. Regan is currently working for EF. • **Carol Burns** is also exercising her communication skills in the area at her job with Fox News; college roomie **Kara Kelly** is working at Freeman Associates, an advertising agency. • Moving down the coastline, we find **Alexis Antracoli** at UConn, where she has just completed her first year of graduate work in early American history in preparation for her PhD. • Also in the tri-state area is **Will Dombrowski**, who has been very busy this past year. After completing a five-week graduate training program in London at the world headquarters of NatWest, Will moved to Manhattan and has been working on

Wall Street for National Westminster Bank as a junior currency options trader in the global financial markets division. He can be reached via email at will.dombrowski@na.nwmarkets.com. • **Andrew Wendel** lives in NJ and works for Lehman Brothers in NYC. Not too far from Manhattan is **Keith Breglio**, who's living on Long Island and working in the emergency room at a local hospital. • As we travel still farther away from BC, we encounter **Jacqueline Shanahan** in our country's capital working as a staff assistant for Senator Joseph Biden (DE). She can be reached at Jacqueline\_Shanahan@biden.senate.gov. Not too far from the hill, **Matt Tulis** is currently attending Georgetown Medical School. Just a little farther south is **Jen Lue**, who is currently attending Wake Forest Law School. • Moving still farther inland and up to the Windy City, we find **Christine Hansen** living in Chicago and attending Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. • In order to glimpse the lives of other fellow Eagles in this issue, we must leave the continent on a flight eastward as we see where the Peace Corps has led a few of our fellow graduates. **Tania Vazquez** volunteers her time in Romania, **Mark Manthy** and **Tracie Laurinaitis** in Kazakhstan, **Colin Brannen** in Madagascar and **Meghan Erhard** in Moldova. • Well, that ends our journey through the lives of this quarter's Eagles. Where will we travel next issue, and who will we find? Let us know what you're up to and where you're headed!

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**Katharine M. McDonald** '43 is keeping herself quite busy with courses at the "Y," lectures, a book discussion group, prayer group, travel, family, weddings, wakes and funerals. • **John Flanagan** '65, after serving as president of Ayer Care Optical which was sold in '91, became an operating partner in a LBO firm—Stonebridge Partners of New York. Currently, John is chairman of three manufacturing companies. Good luck, John. • **Edward Wade** '71 reports that **Maureen Wade** '79 is in Ledgebrook Nursing Home in Beverly with Alzheimer's disease. Ed now has five grandchildren, the most recent addition being Bethany Maureen on June 6—new daughter

of Ed's son, Tim, and his wife, Jeanette. Currently, Ed is director of manufacturing at Picturetec Corp. in Andover. Ed is an alumni admissions volunteer, and enjoyed his 23rd year as a BC football season ticket holder. • **Richard C. Finnegan** '73 has a son, Richard G. Finnegan '92, who also completed a master's at Anna Maria College in '96. Congratulations, Richard. • **Mike Broderick** '78 moved to Bethel, ME two years ago. He is Sunday River's director of purchasing. As part of the American Skiing Company's corporate purchasing team, Mike meets regularly with Jim Connors '73, who is director of purchasing at Attitash Bear Peak, in Bardett, NH, and Peter Mutty '77, A/BP's controller. Mike's older son, Kevin, is a junior at Gould Academy in Bethel, where Lauren Crothers '93 is now director of admissions. Mike states that his family is doing fine. • **Anne E. Piacentini** '87 retired from the Medway Post Office where she had been the supervisor. Hope you enjoy your retirement, Anne. • **Robert J. McMullin** '94 works in North Attleboro as production control manager for Distro Corp. • **Joe Sheehan** '95 was recently promoted to senior accountant with Ernst & Young LLP. Also, Joe finished a second year as a volunteer with the Boston Money Management program, providing financial advice and counseling to senior citizens. • **Sandra Prinn** '97 is an instructor at Showa, Boston and coordinates the Discovery Program, a three-week summer program which brings Japanese and American 7th, 8th, and 9th graders together in Boston to share cultural activities. Showa, Boston is an affiliate of Showa Women's University (which offers K to 12, university, junior college and adult education) in Tokyo, Japan. • I'd love to hear from College of Advancing Studies graduates who have news to share. Happy spring!

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**Eric Bayrd**, MS '97, chemistry, is working at Epichem in Haverhill. • **James Bohling**, PhD '97, chemistry, has begun a postdoctoral position with Prof. John Gladysz at Univ. of Utah. • **Maryann Citeroni Mendel**, PhD '74, chemistry, is a manager of professional motion im-

aging for Eastman Kodak Co. She has recently been awarded the Fuji Gold Medal Award for outstanding reengineering achievements. • **Evelyn Corpuz**, MS '97, chemistry, is working at Ariad in Cambridge. • **David Kinsman**, MS '97, chemistry, is working at Cabot Corp. in Billerica. • **Robert J. Gerardi**, DEd '79, education, has recently returned to the superintendency at SAU #64 in Milton and Wakefield, NH. Bob has in recent years been regional sales executive for the Service Master Co. in New England, VP for education sales for Eastern Building Services in MA, director of administration and finance in Bellingham, and superintendent of schools in five other states. • After ten years as dean of the school of education at Gallaudet Univ., **David S. Martin**, PhD '71, education, has resumed full-time teaching. He was recently named Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member, and an endowment fund was established in his name to benefit international students studying deaf education at Gallaudet. • **Joseph F. Sinkey, Jr.**, PhD '71, economics, is chairing a US Advisory Committee for the Institute of Banking and Finance sponsored by the Lebanese-American University, Byblos. Prentice-Hall has published the fifth edition of his successful banking textbook, *Commercial Bank Financial Management*. • **Stephen P. Volpe**, MA '76, history, has been named operating budget manager of the *Providence Journal*. • **Jimmy Zammit**, OFM MA '92, pastoral ministry, has been named general treasurer of the Franciscan Friars in Rome. • *Editor's note: In the Winter '98 issue, Ernest E. Chamberlain MA '63, English, was listed as deceased. We received erroneous information from Alumni Records, and are happy to report that Ernest is alive and well and living in Hopkinton. We regret the error, and apologize for any confusion this may have caused.*

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Greetings, and happy summer! Send your news to the address above; include your graduation year and degree. • Several alumni are working in Ireland: three at St. Patrick's College in Dublin. **Simon Clyne** PhD '82, educational administration, is



president of the College. **John McDonagh** PhD '81, ERME, is a consultant at St. Patrick's Educational Research Centre. So is **John Poggio** MEd '68, PhD '72, ERME, who is there on sabbatical from Univ. of Kansas, where he is a professor of education. At Trinity College in Dublin, **Myra O'Regan** PhD '80, ERME, lectures in the statistics department. • **Carolyn Denham** MEd '67, PhD '71, ERME, is director of the National Center for School and Communities at Fordham Univ. in NYC. • **Dan Egan** MA '98, higher education, is assistant director of championships for the Big East Conference in Providence, RI. • **Richard Fulton** MA '96, curriculum & instruction/ secondary education, teaches at Boston Latin in Boston. • **Vincent Greaney** PhD '73, ERME, works as an educational specialist for the World Bank in Washington, DC. • **Edward Iwanacki** '66, MEd '69, PhD '72, ERME, is a professor of education in school administration at UConn in Storrs. • **Nancy Levy-Konsky** PhD '96, curriculum and instruction, teaches at Weston High School and UMass Boston. • **Christine Lyons** MEd '87, PhD '97, ERME, has opened Christine Lyons Consulting, an educational consulting firm in Hanover. • **Amy I. MacDonald** BA '90, MEd '96, secondary teaching, works at and lives on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona. She teaches high school English and supervises BC's teacher education practicum at the Reservation. • **Virna Malalis**, MEd '98, secondary education/English, teaches ninth grade English at Dover-Sherborn Regional HS. • **Julie O'Loughlin** MEd '92, elementary teaching, teaches eighth and ninth grade science at Manchester High School. • **Edward F. Reidy** BS '71, MEd '72, PhD '78, ERME, is an education program officer for the Pew Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia, PA. • **Andrew F. Wisch** PhD '97, counseling psychology, works in the counseling center at Catholic Univ. in Washington, DC. His wife, **Kendra Bryant** MA '93, counseling psychology, is finishing her PhD in counseling psychology at Northeastern Univ.

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**Robert Shepherdson** '54 worked one year with the former DCG and then worked for the Veterans Administration for 45 years. He retired in Dec. Robert served in the Army prior to attending BC Graduate School of Social Work. Bob has been enjoying retired life. He will, however, volunteer at The Good Shepherd's Maria Droste Services in Quincy, part time. Bob and his wife, Eileen, continue to live in Marshfield. • **Cornelius J. Sheehan** '63 is a school social worker with the Quincy public schools, working at the high school level. He will be retiring within the year after working 31 years with the Quincy public school system. Cornelius lives with his wife, Patricia, and two of their five children. The other three children are married. He has seven grandchildren. • **Susan Covitz** '93 is executive director for Greater Options for Adolescent Lives located in downtown Boston. Susan married Henry Grossman in June '94. They are the proud parents of a sixteen-month-old daughter, Alessandra. The family lives in Boston. • **Mary Eleanor Burke** '87 is a psychotherapist at Family Counseling Catholic Charities in Braintree, working with mental health and substance abuse clients. She is also responsible for the agency's 0.4.1. Second Offenders Program. Mary Eleanor lives in Milton with her sister, **Eileen Burke** '90. Eileen is a substance abuse therapist at the Brockton VA Hospital. She also runs several 0.4.1. First Offenders Programs in the area. • **Monique Tremblay** '92 graduated from the joint degree program MSW/MA in pastoral ministry. Since '94, Monique has been work-

ing at Family Service Association of Greater Fall River. Monique is now both a LICSW and an ACSW. Monique is serving as a board member and secretary of the BC Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association. She is engaged to be married to Christopher Burke from Lexington on Oct. 10 at St. Bridgid's Church in Lexington. Congratulations. • **Amy Amatangelo** '93 joined Boston Community Capital in '95 as its director of operations. Boston Community Capital is a nonprofit community development financial institution located in Jamaica Plain, whose mission is to create and preserve health in communities where low-income people live and work. To carry out its mission, Boston Community Capital provides capital for sustainable investments that create affordable housing and jobs, and provide services for low-income or disadvantaged people or communities.

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**Benjamin J. Cantor** '37 is the author of *The Role of the Expert Witness in a Court Trial*. The book, self-published in '97, is a guide for potential expert witnesses, and discusses how photography and other evidence is used in trial. The founder of Boston Photo Service, Cantor specializes in forensic photography, and has written articles and given lectures on the role of the expert witness and the use of photography in the courtroom. He lives in Belmont. • **Hon. Richard H. Beddow Jr.** '59 is beginning his 26th year as an administrative law judge in Washington, DC, the last 17 years of which have been spent with the Labor Relations Board. He is also listed in *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in America*. • **Hon. Joseph P. Warner** '61 has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal, where he will be responsible for the annual education program and other special projects including appellate time standards. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Appeals Court by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis in '89. • **Michael E. Mooney** '69 was elected to the board of directors of the Artery Business Committee and named chairman of the membership development com-

mittee. As managing partner of the Boston firm Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP, he advises corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, individuals and tax-exempt institutions on tax issues. As a result of his new position, he will be involved with the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in Boston. • **William A. Conti** '73 changed, and is now a partner with Febbrioriello, Conti, and Levy in Torrington, CT. He is also serving a second year as president of the Litchfield County Bar Association. • **Phoebe D. Morse** '73 has been appointed Clerk of Court for the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston. • **Margaret A. Sofio** '74 was named VP of law for Media One, and will head the company's law department in Denver. • **David A. Howard** '76 was appointed to the Vermont Superior Court bench by Gov. Howard Dean. He will be serving a six-year term. Previously, he was a partner with the firm of Cormier & Howard in Bennington, VT. • **J.W. Carney Jr.** '78 was elected secretary of the Boston Bar Association. He is a trial lawyer with the firm of Carney & Bassil. • **Rudy J. Cerone** '79 was elected VP, member of the board of trustees, and a member of the board's executive committee for the American Board of Certification. • **Bradford C. Auerbach** '82 has been appointed head counsel of entertainment and production for Malaysian-based MEASAT Broadcast Network Systems. He was previously VP of business affairs and general counsel for L.A.-based Philips Media. • **Maureen Bennett** '85 was named a partner in the San Francisco office of Graham & James LLP. She is a member of the firm's environmental and corporate practice groups, and she assists clients with financing, merger acquisitions and other transactional arrangements, with an emphasis on environmental issues. • **William P. O'Donnell** '85 is seeking election to the office of Norfolk County District Attorney. As a Democratic candidate for the office, he is dividing his time between campaigning and his law office of Eysie & O'Donnell in Norwood. • **Matthew R. Lynch** '88 was named a partner in the property and finance department at Peabody & Brown in Boston. He focuses on commercial leasing, property management, purchase and sale of commercial properties, and land use and environmental permitting. • **John F. Sylvia** '89 has become a member of the Boston office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo. His practice encompasses all areas



of commercial litigation, with an emphasis on securities-related issues.

• **Adolfo E. Jimenez** '90 has been named a partner in the office of Holland & Knight LLP in Miami, FL, where he practices in the areas of marine, aviation and international litigation. Previously, he was a legal intern in the Office of General Counsel of National Public Radio, Washington, DC. • **B. Dane Dudley** '92 joined Day, Berry & Howard in Hartford, CT in Dec. '96. He is working in the individual clients department and practices in the areas of estate planning and administration. His wife, **Susan Ashe Dudley** '93, is planning to open a practice in their home in Wethersfield, CT where they live with their son, Kevin. • **Jeffrey D. Thielman** '92 has taken the position of director of development at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. • **Christopher E. Celano** '95 received his LLM in tax law from New York Univ. in Dec. '97. • **Carlos A. Diaz** '95 and **Jill Zimmerman Diaz** '95 have moved to Ann Arbor, MI, where he is a first-year student at Univ. of Michigan Dental School, and she is an associate in the litigation department of the Chicago-based firm of Segal, McCambridge, Singer, & Mahoney, Ltd. • **Joshua S. Goodman** '95 and **Ingrid C. Schreffner** '95 are engaged to be married. He works in the corporate department of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar LLP, and she works at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, PC, both in Boston. • **Paul R. Mastrocola** '95 married Dina M. Tenaglia last Aug. He is an assistant district attorney supervisor for the Middlesex District Attorney's office. • **Dierdre E. Sanders** '95 works at the Lexington patent law firm of Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds, where she specializes in biological patents. • **Andrew M. Apfelberg** '96 joined the firm of Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger as an associate in its San Francisco office. He specializes in insolvency and bank/finance litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he worked for the Hon. Barry Russell of the US Bankruptcy Court, Central District of Calif., and for Addis-Wechsler, a talent management company. • **Patrick C. Cannon** '97 has joined the law firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City, UT. He specializes in corporate, securities, and tax matters.

## DEATHS

Rev. John E. Connor '27, North Port, FL, 1/22/98  
Alfred J. Weston '29, Needham, 11/13/97  
Edward J. Grimm '30, Bronx, NY, 12/21/96  
James Francis Feeney '31, Jamaica Plain, 2/9/98  
John J. Karbowniczak, MD '33, Tewksbury, 2/14/98  
Thomas G. Dunlap '35, Jamaica Plain, 1/10/98  
Hon. George A. Beaudet LAW '36, Woonsocket, RI, 7/3/97  
George Bryson '37, Newton, 12/19/97  
James T. McCorry '37, Yarmouth Port, 9/18/97  
William H. Sullivan, Jr. '37, Atlantis, FL, 2/23/98  
Francis A. Hunt '38, Falmouth Heights, 2/7/98  
Thomas F. True, Jr. '38, W. Roxbury, 1/5/98  
James J. Ricciuti '39, N. Weymouth, 2/12/98  
Rev. John T. Lawler '39, Needham, 1/17/98  
Audrey Swendeman Gaquin GA&S '40, W. Roxbury, 1/15/98  
John F. Shea '40, Hull, 11/24/97  
John S. B. Sullivan '40, Vero Beach, FL, 12/10/97  
William D. Maguire '41, Framingham, 1/25/98  
James B. Cahalane '42, Needham, 1/2/98  
Stephen J. Levanitis '42, N. Easton, 3/28/97  
Rev. Joseph P. Veneto '42, Boston, 1/24/98  
Frederick J. Naumetz '43, Thousand Oaks, CA, 1/2/98  
James J. Connolly, Jr. '43, E. Dennis, 12/19/97  
Robert W. Killoran '43, Concord, NH, 11/14/97  
Solomon S. Schwartz, MD '43, Delray Beach, FL, 1/15/98  
James T. Cotter '44, Tampa, FL, 12/12/97  
John F. Dempsey '44, Weymouth, 11/20/97  
Francis X. Curran '45, GA&S '49, '89, Centerville, 2/20/98  
Robert A. Dallas '45, Lexington, 1/8/98  
Rev. Vincent P. Kelliher, SJ EX '45, Fairbanks, AK, 1/7/98  
Mary Printon Courtney GSSW '46, Westwood, 2/8/98

Grace P. McGillivray CAS '47, Randolph, 12/20/97  
Edward P. Bird, Esq. LAW '48, Fitchburg, 1/21/98  
Winifred Marie Burdick GA&S '48, Brighton, 1/3/98  
Edward J. Comiskey, Jr. GA&S '49, Bedford, NH, 1/20/98  
Robert V. Rooney, Sr. '49, Arlington, 1/3/98  
William G. Kearns '49, Bridgewater, 3/22/97  
James H. Benney, Esq. LAW '50, Orinda, CA, 1/17/98  
Edward B. Flaherty '50, Portland, OR, 1/7/98  
Gerard F. Gallagher '50, Medfield, 12/6/97  
Raymond F. Letts '50, GA&S '57, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1/13/98  
Thomas J. O'Leary, Jr. '50, Hingham, 9/14/96  
William J. McKearin '50, Beverly Beach, FL, 10/28/97  
Charles M. Sullivan, Esq. '50 GA&S '57, LAW '60, Bangor, ME, 12/3/97  
Gerald F. Faherty '51, Brockton, 10/31/97  
Norman A. Perry, Jr. GSSW '51, Brecksville, OH, 9/20/97  
Robert F. Shay '51, Marblehead, 1/18/98  
William P. Farrell '51, Vernon, CT, 11/10/97  
Atty. Everett T. Allen, Jr. '52, Villanova, PA, 1/11/98  
Joseph W. Breen, Esq. LAW '52, Winchester, 1/8/98  
Charles F. O'Donnell '52, Cape Elizabeth, ME, 9/5/97  
William P. Monahan GSSW '53, Vadnais Heights, MN, 9/11/97  
John M. Leavitt '54, Weymouth, 2/8/98  
Marie T. Lessor '54, Salem, 8/1/97  
Barry R. Noonan '55, S. Windsor, CT, 5/6/98  
John T. Meaney, Esq. '55, Framingham, 12/1/97  
Joseph R. Desisto '55, Plymouth, 2/11/98  
Arthur P. Killion, Jr. '56, Malden, 2/7/98  
Francis M. Keane, Esq. '56, Natick, 12/8/97  
Herman G. Silva '56, Lawrence, 11/27/97  
Patrick J. Clare '56, Holyoke, 1/13/98  
John P. Coyne '57, W. Roxbury, 1/8/98  
Gerard F. B. Goggin GSSW '57, Newport Beach, CA, 11/22/97

Ann McLaughlin Bushey '58, Saint Albans, VT, 12/30/97  
Richard T. Parker '58, Concord, NH, 10/24/97  
Vincent J. Palermo '58, CGSOM '64, Glen Head, NY, 8/2/97  
Sr. Rose M. Lahan, SND GA&S '59, Ipswich, 1/5/98  
Judith Laird Wiley '59, Hopkinton, 2/14/98  
Philip A. Flowers, PhD '60, Woburn, 8/19/96  
William V. Hyland, Jr. '60, Foxboro, 2/13/98  
Lena Halley Robbins '60, Framingham, 5/30/97  
Harold E. Clancy, Esq. LAW '61, S. Boston, 11/30/97  
John P. Doherty, Jr. '61, Westborough, 1/9/97  
Walter P. Foley, Jr. CAS '61, Woburn, 1/28/98  
Rosalie A. Ventresca '61, Winthrop, 12/18/97  
Patricia Lydon Cournoyer '64, Lexington, 11/4/97  
William C. Skulley, Esq. '64, Wakefield, 1/19/98  
Joseph B. Ezhaya, Esq. '65, Waterville, ME, 2/4/98  
Atty. Mitchell J. Sikora, Jr. LAW '69, W. Roxbury, 1/12/98  
Dr. Michael F. Curran '70, Weymouth, 11/26/97  
Patricia Massa Bass, LAW '71, Nutley, NJ, 12/23/97  
Leland F. Munroe, Esq. LAW '71, Newton, 2/8/98  
Marylou Bailey GA&S '73, Glenmont, NY, 11/10/97  
Walter P. Lee '73, Medford, 1/11/98  
Walter J. Martin '73, Groton, 1/19/98  
Richard J. Martini '73, Milton, 6/6/97  
Edward J. Moseley GA&S '73, Oak Park, IL, 7/27/97  
Andrew M. Deluca '74, Vernon Hills, IL, 12/18/97  
William C. Kelly '74, Medford, 12/6/97  
Richard J. Posilico, Esq. '79, Bedford, NY, 2/7/98  
Thomas J. Durkin '82, Warren, RI, 9/22/97  
Keith Wind '82, Switzerland, 11/7/97  
Kenneth F. Cowan, Jr. '84, Boston, 2/16/98  
Lisa Seamans '88, Newport, ME, 1/7/98  
Nancy S. Emery GA&S '93, Waltham, 11/2/98



## CALIFORNIA

### Los Angeles

We've hosted a series of successful events over the past few months, including a very well-attended Career Night in Oct., run by BC's Director of Alumni Career Services Marilyn Morgan. In Dec., we held our Christmas party at The Beverly Hills Hotel. Despite the fact that the hotel accidentally double booked the ballroom with the Rosenberg Bar Mitzvah, the party was terrific and concluded without incident. In Jan., The Club hosted its inaugural Pub Night at The Britannia (318 Santa Monica Blvd.). This event will be held on the first Thurs. of every month from 8-10 pm. In Feb., the Club gathered to mourn the death of Austrian rock star Falco. Several alumni paid tribute to the fallen hero by singing "Rock Me Amadeus" and "Der Kommissar" on Karaoke. March brought Alumni Day at the Kings/Blues hockey game. If you have any questions about the Club, you can reach President **Harry Hirshorn '89** at 310-394-8908 or email [bclaalumni@earthlink.net](mailto:bclaalumni@earthlink.net).

### Northern California

The Northern California Club's Steering Committee has a very eventful year planned. Events include a community service event, career networking night, Red Sox-A's game, Napa wine trip, football viewing, and our annual Holiday Party. Please contact the chairpersons of each event as listed in the Club newsletter. Our Club has over 2,200 members—we'd like to hear from more of you. Please send in your dues and newsletter reply form! We are presently exploring a hotline and Web page for the Club. If you are interested in volunteering for your Club, please contact **Gail Lynam Dutcher** at 510-938-2428. We promise a fun time! See you at an event!!

## COLORADO

Upcoming events include an evening Colorado Rockies game in June, a send-off barbecue for incoming BC freshmen from Colorado in July, a family picnic in August, a golf tournament in September, TV viewing of the BC/Notre Dame game in October, Christmas caroling at a nursing home in December—and more. Consult the recent Club mailing for details or call **Bob Hart** at 303-792-9900 days, or 303-329-6939 evenings. Also, the second edition of the Club directory has just been published and includes all dues paying members.

## CONNECTICUT

### Hartford

Hello from Connecticut! The Club celebrated the arrival of two new family members since the last issue of this publication. First, board members **Christa '93** and **Leif O'Leary '94** welcomed their first child, Bailey Ryan, into the world Dec. 7. A few weeks later, board member **Mike Goss '92** and wife, Sandi, were given a similar joy when their daughter, Alexandra Nicole, was born Jan. 11. The Club wishes the O'Leary and Goss families all the best! On March 26, Club members got together for a happy hour at John Harvard's Brew House in Manchester. On June 29, our Club will host its first annual golf tournament at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. Our keynote speaker will be BC President William P. Leahy, SJ. The purpose of this event is to award a scholarship to a deserving BC student from Greater Hartford. In August, we will host a Freshman Send-Off reception for Connecticut area students. We're on the web at: <http://www.bc.edu/hartford>. You can also e-mail the board at [mpace@tiac.net](mailto:mpace@tiac.net).

## FLORIDA

### Palm Beach & Broward Counties

The BC Alumni Club of Palm Beach and Broward Counties has 200 members who enjoy annual events like the boat parade, sporting and community service events as well as network nights. Club officers include **Janet Cornella**, president, who can be reached at 561-793-2615, 561-793-1017, or e-mail at [janetcfl@aol.com](mailto:janetcfl@aol.com). **Glen Turner** is vice-president; **Sharon Blanchard** is secretary; **John O'Hare** is treasurer; **Lori Kasten** chairs the phone committee; and **Colleen Hasey** chairs the young alumni group. Help is appreciated. This past season we enjoyed two football game watches; 40 people gathered to see BC play Notre Dame and Miami in Nov. We also held a food drive; **Lisa Elia** collected canned goods and donated them to the local food pantry. Thirty people enjoyed the Pompano Boat Parade. We boarded the decorated boat at Charley's Crab in Hillsboro, had hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, buffet dinner, and enjoyed each other's company. In March we rented two tailgate spaces at the US Open Polo Championship. A fishing trip is planned for June. Social meetings will be at Pescatore's Restaurant (561-837-6683) on 8/11, 11/10 and 1/9, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30. Mark your calendars! Watch

your mail for details on these and a number of new activities. Send in your dues to receive mailings. Membership encompasses Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Martin County is welcomed too!

## ILLINOIS

### Chicago

The BC Club of Chicago has accomplished a great deal this year under the leadership of **Tom Bransfield '89**. His dedication to the Club has been sincerely appreciated. Best wishes to Tom as he serves as Director, East of the Mississippi, on the Alumni Board. • The Christmas Party at Butch McGuire's yielded over 150 gifts for needy children at Maryville Academy. • In January, Marilyn Morgan, BC's Director of Alumni Career Services, attended the first Career Night at the Union League Club. **Tim Townsend '91** organized a panel of area alumni. • The Eagles were cheered to victory in Milwaukee at the Marquette men's basketball game by a BCCC-backed bus load of fans. • The Club reorganized in February; a board of directors was formed, officers were elected and board members volunteered for specific events. Many thanks to **Amy Piper Munson '89**, who produced the Club's newsletter for four years. **Kevin Reid '91** is the new chair, **Charlie Rego '92** is vice chair and **Chris Zoidis '91** is treasurer/secretary. **Lisa Noller '92** is director of communications, **Tim Townsend '91** is director of young alumni relations, and **Maureen O'Connor '87** is newsletter editor. **John Lynch '87** coordinated the Annual Alumni Mass at Loyola University Chicago in May. BC's Father Richard Cleary, SJ, the celebrant, was accompanied by BC athletic director Gene DeFilippo. **Debbie Sprindzunas '90** is arranging the summer boat cruise for a Saturday evening in June. Tim Townsend is planning an outing to a Cubs game. A late summer golf outing is being scheduled by **John Calmeyn '92**, who is also organizing BCCC-sponsored sports teams for local recreation leagues. Plan to support the Eagles at Finley Dunn's, 3458 N. Lincoln Avenue in the city; parking is plentiful. Quarterly volunteer meetings will be held and the board of directors will meet biannually. BCCC's success is due to the dedication and enthusiasm of the more than 1,500 alumni in the greater Chicago area. Ticket info and details for all events are in the BCCC newsletter, or call the hotline at 312-409-2700.

## INDIANA

The BC Club of Indiana is offering a great mix of athletic, cultural and social events for everyone in 1998! On April 25th we held a new event—the East Coast game of duck pin bowling at the nostalgic Atomic Bowl. Afterwards, we ate at their '50s diner. On July 10, we'll listen to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Connor Prairie amphitheater. Picnic and socialize under the stars while enjoying superb music. On August 2, we're sending off our freshman with a new spin: we'll begin with a Mass followed by the traditional party at the beautiful home of **Ruth Vignati**. We're reserving a block of seats for the RCA Tennis Championships semi-finals on August 22. Our Club will travel to Louisville, KY on September 26 to cheer the Eagles to victory against the Louisville Cardinals. A tailgate party and group seats are all part of the plan! Other Club events include gathering to watch the BC eleven take on the Virginia Tech Hokies on October 8. For golf lovers, an 18-hole outing is being planned for mid-October. It will be a beautiful time of year to tee it up! We welcome all BC alumni in Indiana to join us! For more information, contact Steve Ferrucci at 317-684-6161.

## MARYLAND

### Baltimore

The Club is looking forward to hosting the ninth annual Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles pre-game picnic and game to be held at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The Baltimore Club hosts alumni from MIT, BU, Tufts, Suffolk, as well as Eagles from the Philadelphia area. The game is scheduled for Friday, July 10 at 7:35 pm. Alumni from all over the country are welcome to get tickets from our Club. Call **Eileen Unitas** at 410-889-3300 for ticket information. The Club will also host the Freshman Send-off in early August.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Cape Cod

The BC Club of Cape Cod conducted a full schedule of activities during the fall and winter. Membership continues to increase with a record of 600 paid members. Much of the credit is due to the outstanding efforts of **Ginny Sullivan**, our membership director, who is ably assisted by her husband, **John Sullivan '50**, our board chairman. Our Club contributed \$2,500 to the Cape Walk To End Homelessness in Hyannis in September. The fall



golf outing took place in October at the Country Club in Cummaquid. Once again, **Charlie Maher '51** and the members of the Golf Club were amiable hosts. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for all deceased Club members in November at Our Lady of Victory Church, Centerville. Club Chaplain, Father Charles B. Connolly, SJ, celebrated the Mass. Father Chuck is director of development at the Jesuit Urban Center in Boston. We are grateful for his spiritual guidance and fortunate to benefit from his fellowship. Our thanks to **Dick Farley '53** for his efforts in organizing the breakfast. Club members provided a Christmas offering of \$3,500 to the retired Jesuits at Campion Community Center in Weston. Additional funds were used to support activities for the residents during the winter months. Our Christmas and Valentine luncheons at the Tara Hotel in Hyannis were well attended. **Vic McInnis '50** and **Charlie Maher '51** were commended for planning these festive events. Additional activities scheduled include a St. Pat's luncheon, a Communion Breakfast, a spiritual retreat, and a spring golf tourney. The officers are indebted to the staff of the BC Alumni Association for their help. The professional assistance provided by Terri Alden, Al Quebec and John Wissler is greatly appreciated. The Grand Annual Meeting of our Cape Cod Club is Friday, June 19. By popular demand, it will be held at the Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee. Our last "Annual" was a tremendous success; we look forward to another great celebration. Don't miss it!

## NEW YORK

### New York City

The BC Club of New York began 1998 with a new administration led by president **Thomas Livaccari '87**, vice president **Dineen Riviezzo '88**, treasurer **Tom Faherty '95** and secretary **Michael Wirin '89**. The goal for 1998 is to hold at least one event per month, and so far the Club is off to a busy start. The career night held in conjunction with the BC Career Center was well attended by both BC alumni and graduating seniors. We also held an ice skating party at Central Park's Wollman Rink. • Coach Al Skinner joined the Club for an event after the BC-St. John's game on February 18. • There was a St. Patrick's warm-up party on March 13; a private screening of the new IMAX film, "Everest"; and a media and entertainment networking night at Sony's, and Christmas in

April on April 25. The Club launched its Web site on March 1 at [www.bcnyalumni.org](http://www.bcnyalumni.org), and installed a new hotline at 800-934-BCNY.

## OHIO

### Central Ohio

We had a terrific Christmas party. **June and John DeLeo** opened their new home to more than 30 members and spouses. We enjoyed great conversation, food and drink. The highlight of our evening was a fundraiser for Holy Rosary/St. John Church. As many of you know, this Columbus parish is run by several Jesuits and is in the process of renovating its learning center and soup kitchen. Reverend Hasse, SJ accepted more than \$340 in donations from our members! Thank you to everyone who contributed. The Club is in the process of launching the Alumni Association's Book Award program. We are likely to present awards at Bishop Watterson and Village Academy high schools. Contact **Sara Browning** for more information.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Western Pennsylvania

The BC Club of Western Pennsylvania co-hosted a networking evening with the local Jesuit university alumni associations this past fall. The event was planned by the alumni association of Wheeling Jesuit College and took place at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Approximately 200 graduates attended and were treated to a brief speech by Fr. Curry, SJ and an opportunity to network with local alumni from Jesuit universities and colleges throughout the United States. In February, the Club gathered to watch the Eagles play the University of Pittsburgh Panthers in Big East basketball. Approximately 45 members attended the game, including six members from the BC Club of Central Ohio. The Club looks forward to avenging the loss in hoops this fall when the Eagles travel to Pittsburgh for Big East football. Prior to the game, approximately 25 club members gathered for a buffet breakfast at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. • Please contact **Suzi and Brian Walters** at 412-343-6564 for more information regarding the Club.

## TEXAS

### Dallas

The Boston College Club of Dallas-Fort Worth has recently restructured. We are increasing visibility through social, community and admissions-related events. We have

over 300 alumni living in the Metroplex—and we have the critical mass to make the Club a success. So far, the Club has gotten together for an after work happy hour in April, and a reception in May at the home of **Dane Smith '73**, attended by both alumni and new students. A big thanks to Dane and his wife for opening up their home to us. The event was a great chance for alumni to get to know one another and to welcome new students and their parents to the BC community. The leadership committee for the Club is listed below. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in getting involved or if you have any questions or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you at the next event! President: **Christine O'Brien '92**, 214-520-9387; vice president, **Paul Day '90**, 214-521-0018; secretary, **Scott Bonneau '90**, 214-999-2875; treasurer, **Christi Stokes '94**, 972-437-9311; admissions liaison, **Brian King '85**, 817-967-3661.

## WASHINGTON, DC

In Oct., the BC Club of Washington proudly honored **Nick Irons '94**, who completed a 1,500-mile swim down the Mississippi River. Nick's father has multiple sclerosis; Nick's mission was to raise awareness and funds for research. The reception was co-sponsored by Planet Hollywood. Nick's spirit and determination were an inspiration. Thank you to all who assisted in this wonderful event! • Fans gathered at the Hyatt's Grand Slam Sports Bar to cheer for the Eagle's against Notre Dame Oct. 25. • We held a special Mass on Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 4) at Catholic Univ. **Father Ronan '72** concelebrated the Mass with Father Reardon. This Mass is the first in a series; if you are interested in participating in future Masses, contact **Shaun McNamara** at 703-578-0714 or email: [macca1@earthlink.net](mailto:macca1@earthlink.net). • On Jan. 8, BC alumni and members of the Class of 1998 participated in a career networking event at the offices of Price Waterhouse, LLP in Washington, DC. Marilyn Morgan, Director of Alumni Career Services at BC, presented the new services provided to alumni and students, including an Internet home page. For more info, contact Alumni Career Services at 617-552-4733. Thanks to **Steve Merchant** for coordinating Price Waterhouse's donations. Thank you also to **Tom Sullivan, Kristin Leary** and **Christine Leonard** for their assistance. Another career event will be held in June. Suggestions or questions can be directed to **Chuck Clapton** at

202-225-3515. • Club members volunteered on January 10 at the Capital Area Community Food Bank, and weighed more than 1,500 tons of food in less than three hours—enough for more than 1,100 meals. Thanks to **Bob Audet, Janet James, Lauren Sheehy** and **Maureen Marshall** for organizing this project. • On January 27, the Club held the 1998 Annual Meeting at Piper & Marbury in Washington, DC with more than 25 alumni participating. **Dan Rinzel '92** presented "Using the Internet in Your Job Search." • The inaugural BC Business Roundtable breakfast, held February 13, was hosted by Price Waterhouse and focused on the effects of the Asian economic crisis. The next panel is planned for late spring. Anyone interested should contact **Stephen Merchant** at 202-414-4457 or e-mail him at [stephen\\_merchant@notes.pw.com](mailto:stephen_merchant@notes.pw.com). • Over 150 area alumni joined the Club for the BC-Georgetown basketball match-up. The Eagles failed to outscore the Hoyas, but the event was a great success. The Club hosted a well-attended pre-game reception at the Rock, a sports bar just footsteps from the MCI Center. • In January, because of the hard work by **Dan Rinzel, Dana Colarulli**, and **Zak Mahshie**, the Club inaugurated our Web page; check it out at: [www.bc.edu/dcclub](http://www.bc.edu/dcclub).

## WISCONSIN

### Milwaukee

It was a very busy winter for Wisconsin alumni. Two great crowds came out to show their support for BC in separate athletic events that took place at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee. Nearly 50 alumni and friends cheered the men's hockey team on in the Badger Hockey Showdown over the Christmas holiday. A fabulous pre-game reception, complete with ribs and salads, fueled the crowd. In January, another raucous group joined together to root the men's basketball team to victory against Marquette. Afterwards, members of the BC Club of Chicago joined us at historic Turner Hall for good food, drink, songs, jokes and BC stories. We were also privileged to have Fr. Monan visit us in February for a special reception held in his honor. Many thanks to **Dan Doucette '71** for arranging the evening. Lastly, another Night of Networking is scheduled for July. Watch your mail for details.



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good services and liturgies, lots of social functions, and an arresting, challenging minister. With the high level of mixed-faith marriages, that's already happening. Many Protestant churches have quite a high-church style of liturgy that emphasizes the 2,000-year-old traditions of Christianity, much as the Catholic liturgy does, and so they offer quite a competitive product.

A conservative priest who railed to me about "good liturgies" had a point. He insisted that the fact that a liturgy was *Catholic* was the critical issue, not whether the priest put on a good show (although in fact, this priest did deliver a good liturgy). His argument, in effect, is that when parishes implicitly concede that it makes sense to choose parishes based on the quality of the choir, or the kind of social-action programs that they run, they have given up the central claim to the uniqueness of Catholicism.

To oversimplify, the tendency of liberal reformers in the Church is to convert the Vatican into a kind of holding company, with a pope as chairman, but with key policy decisions decentralized to the national, or even diocesan, level. Protestant denominations are frequently organized this way, with central bodies that keep a loose control over the brand name, but that usually have little real power. There is no reason in principle why this couldn't work in the Catholic Church, although in corporate terms, it might be the mother of all downsizings. But it would greatly reinforce the centrifugal tendencies in the Church; and in the United States Catholicism might become merely one of a number of vaguely high-church, middle-class Christian denominations.

The tendency of conservative reformers, on the other hand, is simply to retreat into the traditional postures and ignore the challenges of pluralism, at the risk of reaching a smaller and smaller body of believers. A shrinking base of Catholics in this country would have profoundly negative implications for the global Church. I have heard conservatives say that the future of the Church lies in Africa, which I find a devastating admission. Do they intend the Church to turn its back on the globe's most educated populations and freest societies? This approach will only postpone the problem; African nations are rapidly pursuing democracy, and there, too, the Church must eventually confront the challenge of pluralism.

My guess is that all of this will have to be worked through in the next 25 years or so. It has taken about that long to digest just the surface changes introduced by Vatican II in liturgies, styles of organization, the diaconate and the role of bishops' conferences, and some of those are still works in progress. At the same time, there is reason to hope that the much-publicized sexual scandals the Church has been suffering since Vatican II are settling down to, say, the level of a migraine, rather than that of a life-threatening coronary thrombosis. So there may be both time and opportunity now to focus on more fundamental issues.

The rancor within the Church is perfectly understandable, given the nature of the issues and the stakes involved. But we are reaching the point at which it is no longer an affordable luxury.

*"Boston College Magazine" and the Theology Department invited Charles R. Morris, journalist, historian and former management consultant, to discuss his book "American Catholic" (Times Books, 1997) and its implications for the future of the Church. This essay is adapted from his remarks, which were delivered at an open forum in February.*



# Tunnel

Hired to record the laying of Boston's gas pipes, turn-of-the-century commercial photographers captured a time and a city. Images from the John J. Burns Library

At 2:30 on the afternoon of June 15, 1901, a photographer slipped under a black shroud, framed an image of the construction trench that pierced the streetscape before him and opened his camera's shutter to the light.

His mission was straightforward: to document progress. What he accomplished was another matter altogether.

For nearly a century, New Englanders had been finding uses for a crude form of gas—first as novel outdoor lighting at a Newport, Rhode Island, home, later as a source of heat and eventually as a common household cooking fuel. By the turn of the century a product that had started out illuminating the seaside parties of the leisure class was boiling turnips in Boston tenements.

So important was this commodity to metropolitan life that by the late 1800s a vast expansion project was under way. Between 1859 and 1909 competing gas

companies laid 803 miles of main pipes beneath Boston's streets. By 1933 2,000 miles of pipes crisscrossed the city.

Fired with the optimism of the industrial revolution, the gas companies chronicled their march across the city using the era's most powerful medium: photography. They deployed portraitists, sending them out into the streets. Their photographers documented workers balanced on wood girders, masons competing in tug-of-war contests at a company picnic, children at play on the city's stoops and sidewalks.

Some 4,500 of those images are preserved in the Boston Gas Company Records, a collection of photographs, news clippings and documents housed in the archives at the John J. Burns Library. The photographs, which span the years from 1882 to 1972, open an unintended window into the 19th and early 20th centuries,

BY SUZANNE KEATING



# V I S I O N S

Chauncy St. Cor. Bedford  
Looking South  
June 15, 1901  
2-30 P.M.



6" Boston Gas  
Hung. upon Edison Bedford  
Trench on Chauncy St.  
To Essex St.



showing with uncanny crispness everything from the evolution of the modern city to the defiant posturing of a prepubescent boy.

And the images tell of work.

When Boston's first gas mains were laid, the crews in the street had no cranes, no radios to the dispatcher, no diesel-powered tractor trailers. And they had no backhoes, no bulldozers, no jackhammers.

Here the tools were ancient: muscle and sinew, shovel and pick, horses whose shoes clanged on stones laid by hand.

In the decades after the famine legions of Irish immigrants matched their brawn against their new continent's bedrock, and in Boston they laid mile upon mile of cold pipe. In time, their work stretched from Broadway in South Boston to Prince Street in the North End.

The thick-wristed workers, in shirtsleeves and suspenders, cut through the loam and the limestone one blow at a time. They carted away the spoils in wheelbarrows. Eventually they made their city glow.

These are the men who straightened their backs for the gas companies' photographers.

And so on that June afternoon when a photographer felt the black hood against the back of his neck and peered into a trench, he was recording more than a construction site. He was chronicling, perhaps accidentally, a caste of men who might otherwise have been immortalized only by endless lengths of buried pipe.

For their time and our own, the photographs prove startling. Each picture reveals far more than its ostensible subject; each suggests a world beyond the lens's view.

A posed 1887 photograph of workers erecting the Commercial Point holding tanks captures the arresting craftsmanship of 19th-century engineering. Other photographs reveal not just "workers at rest" or "elevated hoisting engine" as the titles promise, but a rigid social order. In one such photo, laborers in sweaty woolen shirts are joined in their ditch by gas-company executives sporting bow ties, bowlers and pocket watches. In another, a man is posed like a draft animal, pulling a wheelbarrow, with three fellow workers by his side. Nearby a foreman leans on a shovel. In the background, two dark-suited company officials look on.

All this was rendered with technical detail rare in today's photography, where fast deadlines and faster equipment keep photographers moving. Not so these images. Here the laborious process of

positioning the tripod, framing an inverted image and changing plates after every shot forced photographers to select each picture with painstaking care.

During the years that the gas lines spread beneath the city, physical labor—and the laborers themselves—were unlikely photographic subjects. Politicians, industrialists, admirals, daughters of the wealthy: these were the subjects who stood for portraits. Back then people were photographed if they could pay for the privilege. The men in the muck and the dust who stare back from the gas trenches could not afford such frills.

Nor could they afford to leave other kinds of records.

As poor immigrants, they lacked the resources and the time to document their experiences. They also lacked the temperament. "The Irish were not raised on the Calvinist or Puritan tradition of their Anglo-Saxon counterparts which otherwise might have caused them to examine their consciences nightly and record in painful detail the minutia of the faults and failing," wrote Thomas H. O'Connor, professor of history emeritus, in his 1995 book *The Boston Irish: A Political History*. "The Irish were raised in a tradition of auricular confession that encouraged them to speak to their confessors. . . ."

It is no small irony that one of the most telling descriptions of this life comes not from the men themselves, but from one of the bosses. Among the thousands of records in the archives are remarks made by Ernest Barker, a gas-company manager, at a 1907 testimonial honoring Boston Consolidated Gas Company's president. "Yesterday morning," Barker recounted, "at 1:30 o'clock as I stood on the sidewalk watching four men with shovels and picks trying to get down to a pipe, a man said to them: 'What are you digging for?'"

The worker's response?

"For \$1.75 a day."

*These photographs and others in the Boston Gas collection can be viewed on the Burns Library Web site: [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/ulib/Burns/digital.html](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/ulib/Burns/digital.html).*



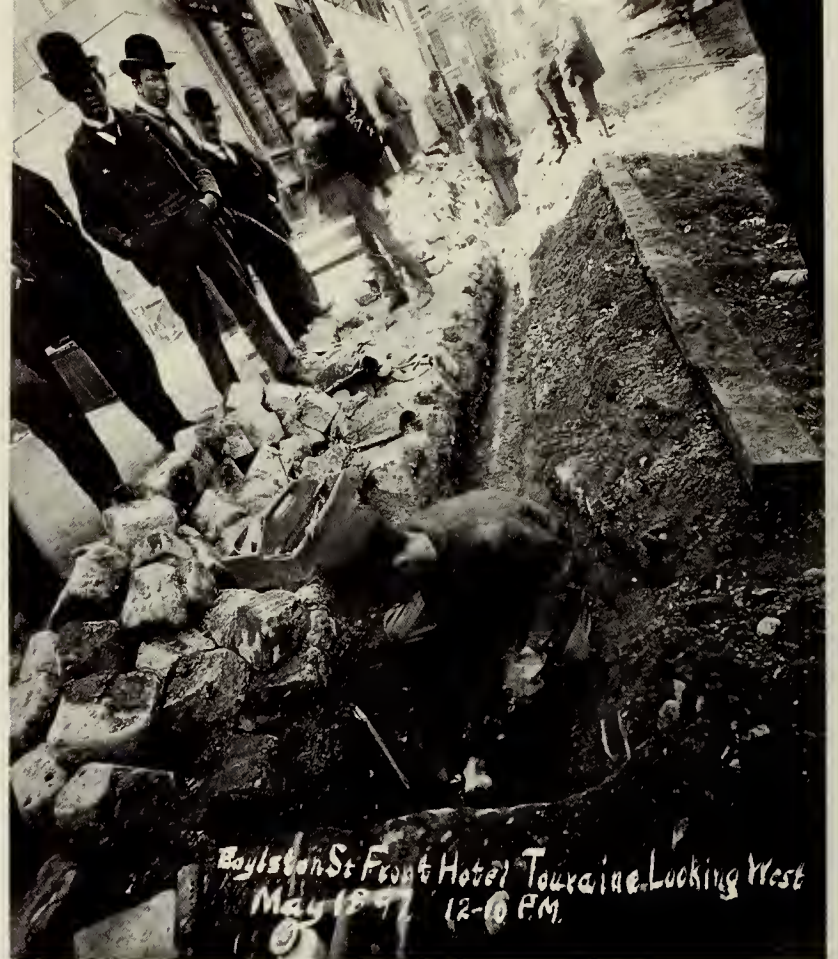


**BURIED STORIES:** A century after they were taken, the gas-company photographs reveal the lives of immigrants who rarely took up a pen. Above, masons pose for a photographer during construction of a buttress at Commercial Point in Dorchester. Left, laborer Dennis Carney fills a wagon with coke, a by-product of the gas-manufacturing process.



#### SUBTERRANEAN GEOMETRY:

During the 35 years between the end of the Civil War and the turn of the century, Boston's population doubled. A cramped merchant port in 1865, Boston had transformed itself into a thriving metropolis with a population of 561,000 by 1900. Competing gas companies dueled for these customers and for space beneath the earth to run their lines. As architecture rose in city blocks, the sub-surface infrastructure became a busy casserole of water mains, storm drains, sewers and gas lines.







**THEN AND NOW:** In some parts of the United States, natural gas was being used by the mid-19th century. In Boston, however, the gas industry relied on manufactured gas, which was produced by extracting methane from coal. At right, Commercial Point, the present-day location of the landmark rainbow natural gas tank, was the site of Boston's first manufactured-gas holding tanks.







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#### ACCIDENTAL HISTORY:

Photographers, surveying the city to document their clients' projects, chronicled street life as well. At top, children lay claim to a crew shell one week after an 1886 gas-company regatta. Opposite, a single defiant laborer shoveling outside 383 Broadway in South Boston turns his back to a photographer. From tic-tac-toe graffiti, left, to scenes from the Commercial Point service pipe shop, above, the photographers recorded turn-of-the-century urban life.

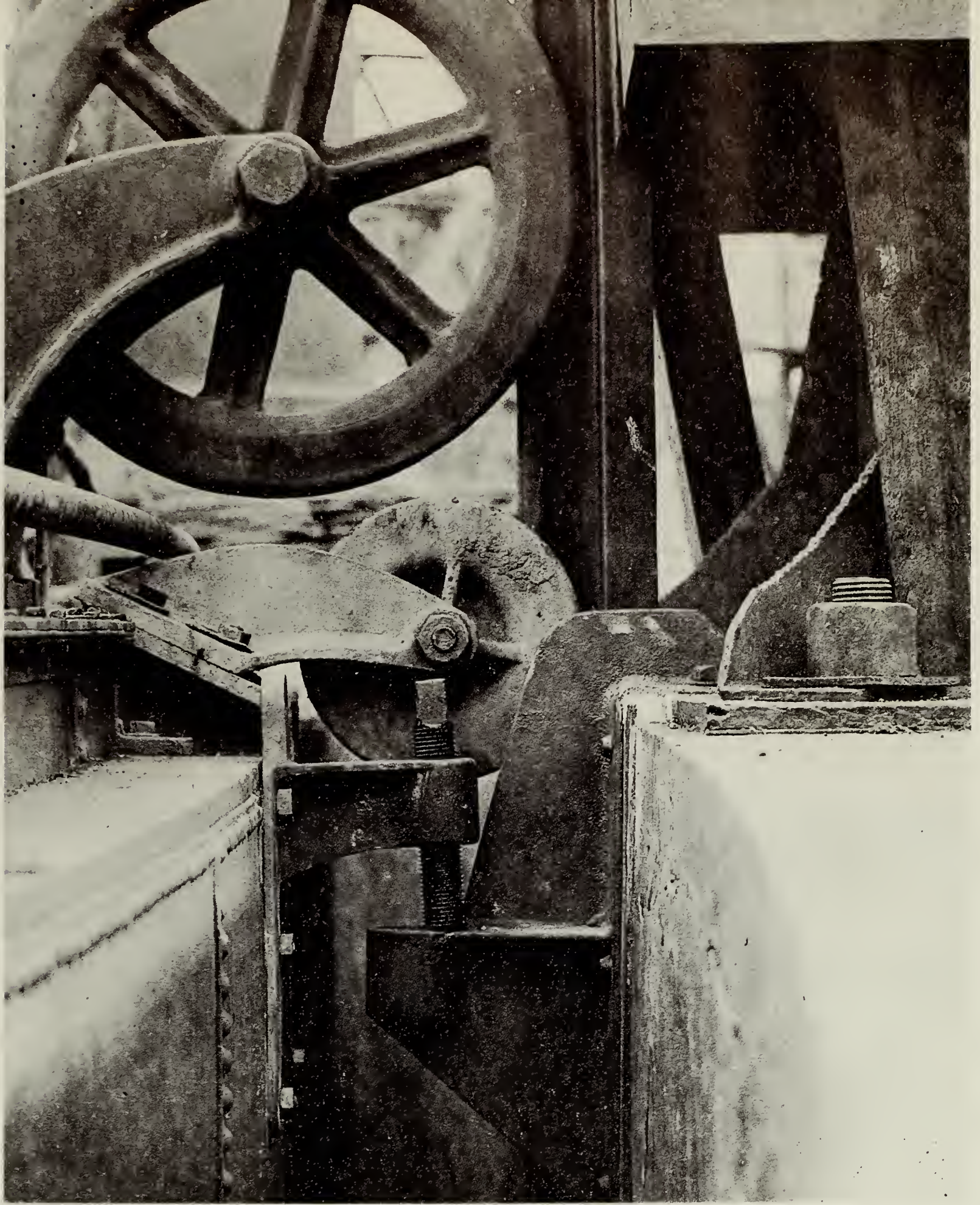




**INDUSTRIAL ART:** The photographs in the Burns Library archives certainly were not intended as fine art, but to 20th-century eyes their beauty is striking. The image, above, of a company picnic, and that, near right, of a photographer at work, are reminiscent of Turner, Manet and Whistler, full of hope for industry and its infinite potential. Seen a century later, utilitarian pictures of machines, opposite, seem to anticipate a completely modern aesthetic.









# Washashore

## HOME is the place you go to

Almost a century ago, my Donegal grandfather sailed out of Boston on a friend's boat and fetched up on one of the outer reaches of Cape Cod.

I don't know whether he rounded Jeremy Point and saw Wellfleet huddled down the bay or threaded the channel into Pamet Harbor in Truro or swung around Long Point into Provincetown. Apparently the unbroken line of dunes and beaches reminded him of the Donegal coast he had left for Boston. Natives of the Azores say these shores remind them of home, too, so maybe there's a universal quality to these land- and

waterscapes that seem unique. Universal and mythic: they've been seen as fit loci for the Vikings' Wonderstrand, and in fact they were the first an-

chorage of the *Mayflower*. It's entirely possible that Myles Standish walked across my Truro property looking for potable water before any Pilgrim set foot in Plymouth.

Soon my grandfather began packing his wife and young daughters onto the Boston-Provincetown steamboat each summer, for the trip to Pond Village in North Truro. Ninety years later, my own children have accomplished part of their

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JOEL MEYEROWITZ



growing up within walking distance of where my mother did hers. One of my aunts married into a local family, and her husband, my Portuguese uncle, taught me to eat Wellfleet oysters off the half-shell by feeding me a chocolate between each 'one. A hard measure, but I soon kicked the chocolate part of the habit. He also introduced me to a culture quite different from the Irish-American one I was growing up in:

Uncle Manny herded us  
to his beetle-backed Studebaker  
and we drove into his country,  
its high smell of fish  
snapping us out of it. In rooms  
above the wharves talk exploded  
in both languages, the one for  
cursing hard paymasters  
in front of children, the other  
for saying the cod went north  
and weren't coming back, things  
illustrated by hands scored  
with the drag of halibut  
on drop lines. We nursed orange  
or grape drinks at enameled  
tables, the men sun-browned in  
red shirts, with matadors'  
smooth hair and noses you tried  
not to look at, hands folded  
for bottomless silences, in which  
to count gulls kiting past  
the windows. Once our uncle  
yelled, "Popeye!" and there he was,  
the anchor cap, the squint,  
his corn cob in that loaf of chin—  
at the door of the plant where  
women ripped out orange spawn  
and dropped it to the floor,  
where trawlers sidling to the wharf  
shook the world's tin roof  
and spiles and at the scales  
lumpers and crews might erupt  
out of nothing over prices, where  
noon-shriek drove those women  
arching in their clothes  
one by one to the rainbowed water  
we'd dare to enter ourselves, sometime,

we said later, alone, and splash  
and kick and swim among them  
when they came up, lipstick redder,  
hair pasted black, wet  
to their true shapes.

One of my acquaintances claims I qualify for the title of First Washashore, a washashore being someone "from away" who gets the Cape bug and stays on. It's a derogatory term, like its Irish cognate "blow-in," but it helps explain all the Cape Cod carpenters and chimney sweeps with bachelor's degrees from the finest U.S. colleges. I know a plumber who saw a photograph of the Pamet River in winter in a magazine at his dentist's office, quit the Midwestern doctoral program he was enrolled in and moved back here to live.

By the 1920s my grandfather had bought property in South Wellfleet. His great-great-grandchildren live there now, on the same road, and some in the same houses he subsequently purchased. His vegetable garden, ditched to draw the waters of a marsh pond, is still plowed and planted every spring. Five generations of my family have taken hold here in the place I have always thought of as home, where before tenure or a permanent house near any campus, my wife, Ellen, and I built a summer house in which we'd find ourselves spending more and more of the year.

And after 35 years in academe, teaching poetry and writing at colleges and universities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Alabama and Pennsylvania, and barnstorming around the country to read my poems in college auditoriums and talk with students in writing workshops, I am an emeritus, retired early thanks to a warm golden handshake from a Republican governor I had previously bad-mouthed. Even better, I am now a full-time writer. I have deserted the army of American writers who teach to support themselves and their loved ones and are forced by that necessity to cram their writing lives into weekends and summer vacations. In case you haven't noticed, American literature is being created now on a part-time basis.

Furthermore, I am now a full-time writer in the place I have carried around in my head for the past 59 years—the water, sand and pine-covered miles comprising the towns of Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown. I look out my windows and it's there, the psychic center of my work, the mother lode from which I've mined 12 collections of poems, the locale where my senses grew up. There's something Celtic







about this connection with a particular landscape, perhaps something operating at the genetic level. In the chance pairing of a writer with a home place, I've been lucky beyond luck. Like William Faulkner or William Carlos Williams, I've discovered that the universal is real and significant only when it grows out of the particular. Most of the poets whose books are within arm's reach of my desk are grounded in particular landscapes. To paraphrase Tip O'Neill, for me all poetry is local.

Inevitably for a poet, home will be partly a matter of names. Horse Leech Pond (would you swim there?), Shirttail Point (a notorious venue for skinny-dipping, way back when), Paine Hollow (we called a near-lethal home brew we made in the '60s Paine Hollow Beer). Then there's Dogtown, The Gut, Thumpertown, High Toss Bridge, Hitler Road. Don't ask.

Don't ask me to explain the logic and provenance of local nicknames, either. Some arose to distinguish between a half-dozen members of the same family with the same name, of course. But whence Side-Angle-Side, Honk, Double Bob, Jazz Buckets, The Mole Family, Cornflake? Long ago, in a time before ZIP codes, you could attach only the name of the town and state to one of these monikers, no last name required, and send a Christmas card. O lost anarchy! You could ring up the local operator and ask her to connect you with Captain Teabag. Even now you may learn someone's Christian name for the first time only because it is followed by his *nom de guerre* in his obituary. At times life here came pretty close to that in Steinbeck's Cannery Row novels. "There used to be a lot of nimblejacks hereabouts," an old timer was quoted as saying in a newspaper piece awhile back. It set off the poetry alarm.

## Nimblejacks

Remember Hot Spats and the Kaiser,  
who illustrated the beautiful  
moving-while-standing-still word  
*nimblejack*, a word worthy of  
a class of sailboats, like sneakbox,  
or sharpie? I'm talking soupbeards  
and rent-laggards like Boofer,  
who checked out the coinbox on every  
pay phone in town. I'm talking  
skew-footed Dr. Highpockets, who'd share  
the sandwich in his carrot bag with anyone.

When was the last time Pungie  
yawped at you across the street to say  
how well that new puddle was doing  
on the wrong side of the dike?  
How about Tick, and the Man of Steel,  
walk-ons from normality's hinterland,  
part of the nine percent who never have an opinion?  
They were the canaries in our mineshaft,  
our early warning systems, and never  
disappeared into the shops all day,  
but stayed on the sidewalks to hinder  
the broom of the future simply by being there.  
Not one ever asked, "Are you affiliated  
with any academic institution?"  
or propped Einstein's essays  
strategically in a window of the Land Rover,  
but remember how they used to line us up  
in their sights on Main Street,  
leaning left and right to keep us level?

Writers have always lived on this end of the Cape, at least during the more sociable months. But Edmund Wilson wrote all year in his house over on Money Hill, and sometimes you'd get a glimpse of him slouched down under his fedora in the passenger seat when his wife drove him around Wellfleet. In my 20s I got to see Norman Mailer in action around Provincetown, and later the Italian maestro of the short story, Arturo Vivante, walking the wintry roads of Wellfleet, huddled deep in his long overcoat, his face concentrated on what seemed to be the working out of some literary conundrum. Once at a party I tried to explain baseball to him. But it was Edwin O'Connor, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *The Last Hurrah*, still one of the best novels of American politics, who impressed me deeply as a teenager. Whether he was in church, or riding around town on the slimmest bicycle I'd ever seen, or eating lunch alone at Alice's Restaurant, there was always an air of self-possession about him. Somewhere in my convoluted kid-thoughts I think I believed that if I became a writer of some kind I, too, would be as much in control of things as he seemed to be.

So much for The Literary Life. When you go for it you soon discover there's a major difference between wanting to be known as a writer and actually *writing*. After a few magazine and book publications you learn that the pleasure is all in the doing, in seeing how you're going to surprise yourself next, in watching the poem grow under your fingers from almost nothing. That is the pursuit of happiness. A







time comes when you know you've done everything you can to the page and it seems to work, to be intuitively right (at least for the moment). It's as much a matter for physiologists as it is for psychologists who study "creativity." It feels as if an oxbow has been lifted from your shoulders. The movies have deeply misunderstood this. They usually present the artistic process as creative pain: Youngblood Hawk filling wastebaskets with crumpled pages and Charlton Heston as Michelangelo, wringing his hands and waiting for the clouds to part and shower him with light. No. It's all there in Frank O'Connor's four words, "Get black on white." It all comes down to that open notebook on the desk.

With any luck you're chosen by your subject, not the other way around. For some reason I'm not going to examine closely, I've been made a place-keeper of this little corner of the planet, a legislator of the unacknowledged world, to bend Shelley's line a bit. I know 100 years and more of its stories. Here's a brief one: My mother and aunts used to drive out here every November and bring my grandfather back to Boston for Thanksgiving. Otherwise he'd have wintered over. As for me, I haven't crossed the Cape Cod Canal since last October, when I flew out to lecture for a week at the Oklahoma Arts Institute. In less than a year I'm supposed to occupy a visiting chair in the graduate writing program at Hollins College, down in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Will I be able to leave Truro when the time comes? Stay tuned.

I live in a pine grove above the Little Pamet River, where all this strangely mild El Niño winter three great blue herons have been hanging on, sunning themselves on the south-facing slopes of Cathedral and Bald hills. A few weeks ago the great horned owls began their annual courtship delirium under the Snow Moon. Already I've heard the returning red-winged blackbirds calling down in the marsh, though I haven't seen them yet. Hardly a day passes without some encounter: the resident flock of wild turkeys, a coyote, a red fox, a huge buck dashing across the marsh, exploding the cattails into puffs of smoke. I find his prints on the sand roads around here almost daily, precise and nearly three inches long. Every summer there's at least one evening, textured like the skin of a grape, that brings my whole youth out here rushing back into memory. Yesterday afternoon I noticed that my rhubarb has begun to leaf out, though it isn't yet March 1. The peninsula may be narrow down at this end, but it's deep. If I keep the rust off my antennae, the home place will keep me in imagery for as long as I need it.

## Toad

Trencherman of the moist places,  
I never find you at home in your cracked  
flowerpot under the day lilies,  
but drinking through your skin, asleep  
or unperturbed by my shoe in a wet furrow.  
To live you have to bury yourself  
alive sometimes, risking a tine when  
I fork the compost and the earth  
caves there and quakes. Undercover cop  
of the garden, you are serious  
as a samurai, and shoot from the lip,  
cleaning up on ten thousand pests  
in a good season. Have a couple of  
spittlebugs, chase them down  
with a red-banded leafhopper or two,  
but lay off those geishas the ladybugs,  
who have work of their own to do.  
Were you dropped here, a meteorite  
of green-crust ore? Nights  
when the moon's your color, I imagine  
Japan, and a farmer who throws  
the first cup from the bottle  
into his fields as a welcome to you.

If I keep my ears open, my neighbors hand me some of my best lines. "Around here Mother Nature bats last," a carpenter says. "That bay has been dragged so much every shell on the bottom is perfectly round," says a scalloper. Last Christmas Eve, at my brother's annual party, a shellfisherman I've known forever asked worriedly, "What are you going to do with yourself now that you're retired?" "I'm writing the history of the known world," I told him. My sister-in-law, passing with a tray, winked at me. We understand each other.

*Brendan Galvin '60, is the author of 12 books of poems, including "Hotel Malabar" (University of Iowa Press), winner of the 1997 Iowa Poetry Prize. "Nimblejacks" and the lines from "The Portuguese Uncle" quoted above are from "Sky and Island Light" (Louisiana State University Press, 1997), © Brendan Galvin.*

*Photographer Joel Meyerowitz's books include "A Summer's Day" (Times Books, 1985), in which these images were published.*







## GIANT STEP

Athletics-scholarship fund honors BC's legendary AD

The Athletic Association has honored longtime Athletic Director William J. Flynn '39, by renaming its student scholarship fund after him.

The William J. Flynn Fund for Student Scholarships will replace Blue Chips as the primary fund through which individuals support Boston College athletics. Flynn, who died last June at age 82, was associated with the University for nearly seven decades—as a student athlete, a faculty member, a coach and finally as BC's athletic director. He held the latter post from 1957 until 1991.

"This is a fitting way to honor a man who was a giant in his field," said Athletic Direc-

tor Gene DeFilippo. "Bill's name will now be associated with a fund that raises money for scholarships for student athletes, and that is what he was about."

In a letter to donors who have supported BC athletics, DeFilippo noted that Flynn was known nationally as a symbol of integrity in intercollegiate sports.

Flynn Fund chairman and University Trustee Gregory P. Barber '69, said the Flynn name gives the fund instant identity and appeal.

"Bill would be honored that his name will live on at Boston College, because he was always interested in the welfare of the student athletes," said Flynn's

widow, Marie.

A three-sport athlete, Flynn earned nine varsity letters and became the first BC hockey player to score 20 goals in a season. He joined the faculty as a mathematics teacher and assistant football coach in 1945 and became the Alumni Association executive secretary in 1952.

As athletic director, Flynn oversaw the construction of every major athletic facility on campus. He established the Office of Learning Resources for Student Athletes, which helped BC achieve one of the nation's highest student-athlete graduation rates. In 1979 Flynn became the second university athletic director to be voted president of the NCAA.

NET WORK—BC seniors Seung Lee, center, and Bert Lee, right, talk business with Suzanne Levine, human-resources manager for Cowen & Co., a Boston investment bank. The duo were among the nearly 400 students who attended Career Networking Night, an annual project of the Boston College Parents' Council, which brings representatives from a range of businesses and professions to campus to discuss their respective fields with BC students. This year, 55 volunteers answered students' questions in the Lower Campus Dining Hall.



GARY W. GILBERT



# CHAIR MAN

## BC Law School receives largest-ever alumni gift

William F. Farley JD '69, chairman and chief executive officer of Fruit of the Loom, Inc., has given Boston College Law School \$1.5 million to endow the William F. Farley Chair in legal studies.

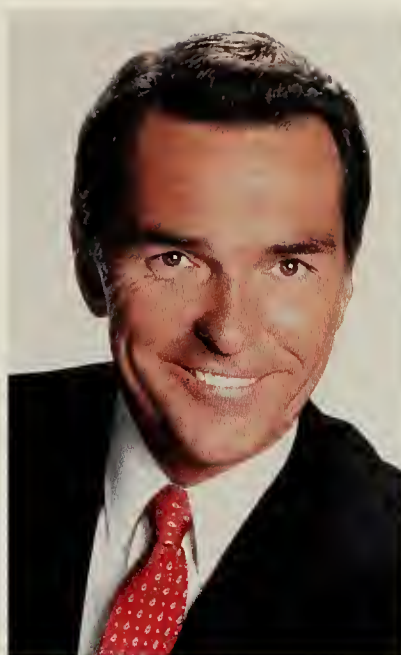
The gift is the largest a BC Law School alumnus has ever donated, and it will establish the school's first alumni-endowed professorship.

Farley, a native of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, who received a bachelor of arts degree from Bowdoin College in 1964 before studying law at BC, is the owner and chairman of

Chicago-based Farley Industries, one of the nation's largest privately held industrial corporations. Farley acquired Fruit of the Loom in 1986 and has served as chairman and chief executive officer since then.

In 1984, the Boston College Law School Alumni Association honored Farley at its annual Law Day ceremonies.

This marks the second major gift Farley has made to the University. In the mid-1980s, he established the Farley Scholars' Fund at Boston College.



William F. Farley JD '69

### COMPETITIVE START

The Carroll Graduate School of Management has received \$100,000 to help endow the Diane Weiss Competition, the school's annual showcase of M.B.A. consulting projects. The competition highlights the presentation skills of first-year M.B.A. candidates and is the culmination of semester-long consulting projects that M.B.A. teams undertake for businesses and nonprofit organizations. The gift was given through the Applebaum Foundation by the Weiss family in memory of Diane Weiss, a 1985 graduate of the joint M.B.A.-M.S.W. program who died at age 27.

### IN TRIBUTE

Boston College recently established the following named endowed funds. New funds may be established and contributions to existing funds may be made through the Office of Development, More Hall.

### PROFESSORSHIPS

The Dr. Michael E. '86 and Dr. Salvatore A. '54 DeLuca Endowed Professorship in Biology\*

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honorable and Mrs. Daniel M. Keyes, Jr., '39 Scholarship Fund\*  
The John A. '42 and Joan McMahon Endowed Fund\*  
The Vincent J. Murphy '52 Scholarship Fund  
The James J. Waldron and Winifred M. Regan Scholarship Fund

### OTHER ENDOWED FUNDS

The Mary C. and Walter F. Sullivan '35 Endowment for the Jesuit Institute\*

\* established through the Deferred Giving Program

# NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL

## A GE grant promotes interdisciplinary management

With the help of a \$477,000 grant to the Carroll School of Management from the General Electric Foundation's GE Fund Learning Excellence program, Associate Professor of Accounting Gregory Trompeter is developing an innovative honors curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary solutions to business problems.

The three-year grant will help establish multiple pilot courses and programs that will bring CSOM faculty members from various disciplines into contact with professional corporate managers. Together they will examine new avenues

for planning and implementing business strategies.

The resulting curriculum, which will be offered to students in CSOM's Honors Program, includes elective courses that will allow undergraduates to study and observe alongside department heads of major local corporations as the executives take on the daily challenges of their departments.

"Businesses have gotten tired of having accountants who know little about marketing or finance people who don't understand what the operations people are doing," said Trompeter.

In a second phase of the program, local chief executives and corporate decision-makers may be brought into CSOM classrooms as guest lecturers to discuss multidisciplinary business strategies and solutions.

The grant also could be used to support interdisciplinary case writing by CSOM faculty members, which would lend itself to a team-teaching approach, Trompeter noted.

The School of Management is in the process of enlisting major national and regional corporations for partnership roles in the project.





GARY W. GILBERT

# The good read

**What happens when you teach the Bible not as revelation but as literature?**

**An interview with English professor Dayton Haskin, by Katherine Wolff**

**What's the difference between teaching the Bible and teaching, say, the *Iliad*?**

Well, you'd be hard-pressed to find devotees of Zeus and Diana today, whereas all sorts of people believe in Jewish and Christian traditions and in the God who's represented in the Bible. Many people feel as if the Bible provides a vehicle for their own authoritative religious experience, however they might understand it.

**How familiar with the Bible are your students, and how open are they to approaching it as a work of literature?**

I hesitate to generalize about Boston College students on this front. Most of them are not very well informed about the Bible, yet it still has a certain

charge for them. They tend to assume that the only thing you can do with biblical literature is to extract moral truths from it. Some students approach the Bible as a sacred text, and, while I hope I never disallow a pious reading, I do invite students to approach it from other starting points.

There is an openness to approaching the Bible as literature at BC, which has to do with the fact that a fairly large portion of the students are from a Catholic background, so they assume the Bible to have importance but not the kind of authority that makes them dig in their heels. Students here come from sufficiently varied backgrounds to inspire lively classroom discussions. Also, the Jesuit approach helps. Far

from thinking that the imperatives of the revealed religion are all contained in the Bible, Jesuits have a capacious tradition; they've been learning languages and living in different cultures from early on.

Still, the Bible requires really hard work—as does all literary, cultural, historical education. That work pays off, though. My six-year-old was reading a children's version of the story of the Trojan horse and started asking questions about it. I read him some of the text from Virgil. Of course it's way over his head, yet he takes whatever he can get from it, and he delights in it. This sense of delighting even in something that's over your head is what I'm trying to promote in my students.



**In your course “Classical and Biblical Backgrounds of English Literature” you use an exercise called *Thirteen Ways of Looking at the Book of Exodus*. Would you mind describing it?**

I have students choose a foreign perspective from which to read the Book of Exodus: that of an ethnographer studying the cultural function of Jewish holidays or of an African-American living in the rural South after the Emancipation Proclamation. They can choose from a whole menu of possible identities. The point is that Exodus can be fascinating to people from all moments in history and from all cultural backgrounds.

I’ve sometimes been disappointed by the lack of imagination with which students chose certain perspectives more revealing of the preoccupations of our time. They might say, “Exodus is a morally reprehensible book that ought to be outlawed from the curriculum of all schools,” or “Women in ancient Israel were discriminated against.” It can be disappointing if students use the widely held idea that ancient literature doesn’t represent women’s experience to excuse themselves from doing the assignment, because then they don’t even notice the places in the book where women’s experience *is* being represented and *how* it’s being represented. So I’ve started to encourage students to learn something about some group in history that they hadn’t really considered. For instance, I ask them to read some Holocaust literature and then look at Exodus in that light.

**Most Sunday-school Bible lessons are somewhat sanitized. What happens when students encounter the violence and cruelty in the Bible?**

One of the most brutal and savage narratives in the world is in the 19th chapter of the Book of Judges, which is a story about a man who is being besieged by neighbors at his door to send out his male guest because the neighbors want to “have knowledge”

of the guest. The man won’t betray his duty as a host, so he sends out his concubine instead. It’s a story of gang rape and then of the dismemberment of a woman’s body. The body parts are sent to all the tribes of Israel.

Almost all of my students have been horrified to discover this story—and all the more horrified to find it in the Bible, because most people’s experience with the Bible is prepackaged. I don’t want to call attention to this story just for shock value. There are ways to make this story conventionally edifying—for example, one of the themes of the Book of Judges is what happens when there is no king in Israel. But the violence in the story far exceeds that kind of moral. One of the things that strikes me about Israelite literature, when you compare it with other literatures of the ancient world, is the degree to which it represents its own people as implicated in violence. The 12 tribes of Israel are at fault here—not some external enemy. That willingness to confront the deepest, ugliest parts of one’s own experience is an endearing characteristic of this literature. The passage exhibits a frankness that’s quintessentially biblical.

**In class you point out striking contradictions among the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What are you getting at?**

This is a principal method of exploring literature. Instead of focusing on epiphanies—the moments in a text when things come together and lights go on and you feel exhilaration and insight—I try to isolate things that are troubling, things that don’t seem to fit. I want to highlight moments when something expected *doesn’t* come to fruition, or when one part seems completely at odds with another part.

Exposing contradictions is potentially frustrating and confusing. But as students become adept at noticing such moments, they become much more intensely interested in the material. They become increasingly re-

sponsible for articulating what’s troubling in a story, but they also have more of a stake in moving forward in the face of those contradictions. Students see themselves less as passive recipients of some existing interpretation and more as producers and creators of meaning.

I’d rarely *start* a literature course with the Bible. I want students to practice reading this way and then see what happens when they look at the Bible. If students have had any experience with the Bible, they’ve probably avoided probing its contradictions, as if contradictions could only be debilitating for faith. I want students to explore that possibility, but also to think about what kind of faith is debilitated by contradictions. Becoming a more active interpreter could be enriching to one’s faith. Authors who introduce contradictions can provoke readers to participate in making meaning.

I don’t think I am trying to establish the meaning of the text or get people to conform to one interpretation. I’m trying to see the vectors in a text that can generate various kinds of meanings, to be able to put your finger on what pressures are being exerted on you—by the way in which something is written—to interpret it in one direction or another. And then to see what pressures there are outside the text, either in the history of the way people have thought about the text or in the kind of current concerns and values that also contribute to this very complex process of producing meaning. I operate on the optimistic assumption that the more you can take into account, the more responsible you can be as a reader.

The way you read the stories has to do with your framework—to which the text contributes. And which the text can test, can stretch. The text can, I suppose, explode your framework, if you’re the right sort of reader.

**How do you answer students who ask what the Bible tells us about the truth,**



about historical events?

Sometimes students urge me to explain “what really happened.” As a teacher of literature, I try to get students to think about the fact that someone really wrote this story and a particular culture refined and preserved it. That’s one thing we know really happened. The story itself is an event: the creation of it, and then the repackaging of it.

On the question of philosophical truth, I think it’s premature to ask students, freshmen especially, about that. Not that such questions aren’t important, but they’re likely to be treated reductively until we have lots of considerations to go on. My own view is that truth can’t be separated from the contribution of human creativity, both on the part of the makers of cultural artifacts and on the part of readers. It’s not as if we make it all up, but we’re active agents.

**How do you communicate the significance of translation to students who don’t read other modern languages, much less ancient Hebrew or Greek?**

Most of us in this country are monolingual. The position of English is unprecedented in the history of the world, which means that many young people in the United States live with assumptions about our language that are very hard to penetrate.

When you’re reading a Greek play, the translator has already made *thousands* of decisions, all of which influence the way you process these materials. I try to take certain texts and show the difference translation makes. But the changes translators make are too scary for students to think about. They’re much more comfortable with big themes.

Students need to be cognizant of the enormous diversity in biblical literature, which was written over a period of more than 1,000 years by many different writers. Once you translate the Bible into the English of

some particular moment—whether the King James or a 20th-century version—those differences get ironed out. Think of Chaucer—only six centuries ago. Compare his language to Virginia Woolf’s or Samuel Beckett’s. Imagine how different from one another the various materials in the Bible are and how much they are made to seem all of a piece by translating them. Translation places all of the literature into one register.

**Can you give an example of a biblical passage whose various translations are especially illuminating?**

At the beginning of the fourth chapter of the Book of Genesis we learn that Adam and Eve had intercourse and gave birth to the first child—and then the second child. A number of wonderful things in that story can be thought about in abstract transcultural terms: first intercourse, sibling rivalry. But an older translation might read “Adam knew his wife,” and more recent ones might read “Adam had intercourse with his wife” or “Adam lay with his wife.” It may just be a limitation of my teaching, but I find students surprisingly resistant to exploring the implications of the Hebrew locution that makes sex a form of knowledge.

The old translations tried to preserve that metaphor, and the new ones just do away with it. The metaphor comes right after Adam and Eve’s expulsion from Eden, a story about kinds of knowledge and forbidden knowledge and transgression. If we paid attention, we might interpret the passages differently because of the metaphor. I want students to think *with* me about our limitations as English speakers, because none of us has time to learn all these languages in order to read the literature.

**It must be paralyzing for students to keep all those considerations in mind as they read.**

It is. Disenabling students by making them aware of too many things is a definite risk. And yet it has to be risked. Textbooks flatten things. If the process of translating the Bible into the English of one particular period falsifies it, think what textbooks do.

This work can also make us much more aware of how tiny our moment in history really is. The temptation is to absolutize our time as an enlightened one—especially in our academic climate, in which literary and cultural scholars ask so many questions about race and culture and gender from points of view that are foreign to the materials. The tendency to think of ourselves as superior is very, very great. And to see how other cultures have given in to this tendency as well should give us pause about the facility with which we congratulate ourselves.

**Is the Bible taught in universities more often these days?**

In the last 10 or 15 years there has been an explosion of interest in teaching the Bible as literature in U.S. colleges. Until recently, U.S. colleges were in the throes of a certain coming of age. In the course of developing the old denominational colleges into research universities on the German model, there was a tremendous inhibition about dealing with the Bible. And one of the theoretical components in universities was the severing of all ties with sources of religious authorities that would inhibit academic freedom. There was an eclipsing of traditional materials in order to study other things.

Now we’re at a stage when more people feel free to look at the Bible once again. The Bible is fascinating, and it’s implicated in human history and culture in myriad ways. The arbitrary banishing of this material from mature intellectual discourse was not really such a good idea.



# Con brio

CLASSICAL DJ LAURA CARLO '86



GARY W. GILBERT

"It's better than chocolate, babe." Laura Carlo—morning disc jockey at WCRB-FM (102.5 on the dial, in Waltham, Massachusetts)—is talking about Ralph Vaughan Williams's "Fantasia," which, she confides, just may be the most romantic piece of music ever written.

"Radio is such an intimate medium," says Carlo. "People listen to it when they're waking up, when they're driving—even in their showers! And if it's 'just you and me, kid,' then I want it to be accessible and friendly." As if on cue, she signals for silence in the studio, pulls on a headset and greets her radio audience. Her voice is mellifluous and her tempo decidedly upbeat—*allegro con brio*.

Carlo introduces a set of Dvořák's Slavonic Dances and clicks off the mike. Then she leans across the control board and says that until recently, classical music was presented only by pretentious men with affected accents. "But I'm not interested in a Dead Composers' Society." She'd rather tell the stories behind the music.

Some critics have characterized WCRB's strategy of presenting the Top 40 of classical music as dumbing down the classics rather than challenging listeners. But, Carlo counters, *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* is popular for a reason. "I'm helping to bring people to the table," she says. "That's

what matters." And she is succeeding, unquestionably. Her daybreak show, including the popular "Mozart block at nine o'clock," has just been syndicated and is broadcast in cities from Albany, New York, to Monterey, California. ("Coast-to-coast Carlo," she jokes.)

Music has been a constant in Carlo's life; she studied the piano for 12 years, giving lessons to fellow students while at BC. After graduation, she worked as a radio reporter in Fall River, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island, before joining WCRB. While she was anchoring newscasts at WCRB, the station manager asked her if she would consider announcing music instead. Thus began her most recent foray into the world of Amadeus and Ludwig, Sousa and Satie. She and her husband, a baritone with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, now share an apartment in Manhattan, as well as a home in Massachusetts.

"Listeners don't need to know about the urtext of Beethoven to make classical music a part of their lives," Carlo says. "It's OK just to enjoy it. We say that all the time here." She glances at the computer monitor, which prompts her with a digital countdown. "In fact, I'll say that now, when this piece ends in 10 seconds."

Katherine Wolff





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*Kids on Campus volunteer Anita Mahtani Siddiqi '99, tutors Byron Williams of Boston's Taft Middle School.*

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